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SPORTS

Varsity squad wins 71-55 in regular season finale



Grayling scored 71 points — its second-highest total of the year — in last Tuesday's 16-point varsity boys basketball victory vs. the visiting Boyne City Ramblers. The contest — a league game — was Grayling's last regular season match of the year. 1B

Vikings unable to overcome bad start in 50-45 playoff loss

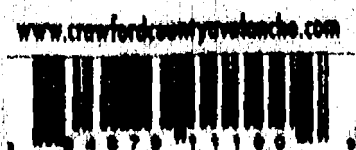


The Grayling Vikings got off to a terrible start during Monday night's District 63-B tournament girls basketball game at Elk Rapids — the Elks led by 15 after the first quarter — but the team battled back and had a chance to win. Ultimately, Grayling's comeback attempt fell short, and Elk Rapids won by five, 50-45, ending Grayling's season. 1B

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Business owners sound off on I-75 Business Loop project at city meeting

by Dan Sanderson
and Matt Seager
Staff Writers

Business owners shared their concerns with the Grayling City Council on maintaining customer access during the upcoming I-75 Business Loop rebuilding project.

About 40 people attended the Grayling City Council's meeting on Monday to express concerns about how the I-75 Business Loop project,

which will be rebuilt from M-72 West to M-72 East, will impact their tourism and overall business.

The \$4.3 million Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project will include removing and replacing the existing pavement, concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water mains and traffic signals. New brick paved sidewalks, landscape planters and benches will be installed along the roadway. In

addition, the project will include adding a new center turn lane from Huron Street to the AuSable River Bridge and switching from four lanes to three lanes from the AuSable River Bridge to M-72 West.

Construction is expected to get underway by April 15. All paving is expected to be completed by Sept. 25 and the road will be fully opened back up to traffic by Oct. 30.

Dean Smith, general manager for

the Ramada Inn of Grayling, said the project will have a devastating effect on businesses that are already struggling in the current economy if some accessibility is not maintained.

"I can guarantee you that there's a number of businesses that will be out of business and several more hanging by a thread," Smith said.

During the first phase of the project, the I-75 Business Loop See BUSINESS | 7A



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Olivia Schreiber suffered head injuries during an accident which occurred on March 1, 2008, when a friend was pulling her in a sled behind an ATV mule. As part of her recovery, Schreiber met with Cathy Hilbrecht, the speech and language pathologist at the AuSable Primary School, to work on her memory and build up the muscles on the right side of her face. The therapy sessions with Schreiber and Hilbrecht, who are pictured above, continued during the summer at St. Mary's Church in Grayling.

Speech therapist's Sunday best helps student recover from sledding accident

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

On March 1, 2008, life took a drastic change for Grayling youngster Olivia Schreiber while she was having some winter fun with a friend.

Schreiber, the daughter of Yvonne and Rich Schreiber, was riding a sled pulled by an ATV mule while she was staying at a

friend's house for the weekend. As the sled twisted and turned behind the off-road vehicle, Schreiber was flipped off the sled and tossed into a nearby pole barn where she became wedged between a workbench and the wall of the building.

Schreiber was transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling and later taken by helicopter to Spectrum Hospital in Grand

Rapids. She suffered cranial nerve damage, a ruptured eardrum and a temporal bone fracture on the right side of her skull.

The doctors and nurses at Spectrum Hospital monitored Schreiber for a few days before it was decided she would return to the hospital weekly to monitor her vision, hearing, memory loss

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Commissioners studying county sports complex policy

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, last week, tweaked a policy that will dictate activities that can take place at the county's sports complex.

The sports complex property, which was the former Crawford County Fairgrounds, was deeded to the county by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as long as the property is used for public or recreational use.

Under the sports complex policy, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will retain complete jurisdiction over uses of the property.

Buildings owned on the property are owned and insured by Crawford County. The county, however, does not store anything of value in the buildings and does not insure contents of the buildings. Use of the buildings is at the discretion of the county board.

At the board committee meeting last week, Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, raised concern over increasing the county's insurance coverage to cover the liability of youth taking part in sports activities at the complex and spectators attending the events. Groups regularly using the sports complex will have to annually provide a certificate of insurance coverage to the county.

Stephenson said the county could be named in a lawsuit if someone is injured at the sports complex and seeks to recover a hefty settlement from everyone involved.

"The old days are long gone," Stephenson said.

The county board will establish a Crawford County Sports Complex See CRAWFORD | 10A

County kicks in funds for Crawford AuSable Soccer Association soccer field relocation

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners kicked up the development of new youth soccer fields at the county's sports complex.

The board, at its ways and means committee meeting last Thursday, pledged \$60,000 towards the first phase of soccer field development planned by the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association (CASA).

The Crawford County Sports Complex is on the county's former fairgrounds property. The county board approved \$25,000 it already budgeted to redevelop the former fairground property and an additional \$35,000 in economic development funds to create two soccer fields at the sports complex.

Jeff Steffey, a CASA board member and member of a development committee spearheading efforts for the new fields, said the organization will kick in \$10,000 from a capital improvement fund.

"Right now, we just want to have a place for the kids to play," Steffey said.

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Rendering courtesy of Gosling-Czubak

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners, at its ways and means committee meeting last Thursday, pledged \$60,000 towards the first phase of soccer field development planned by the Crawford AuSable Soccer Association. Above, a colored rendering shows the soccer fields situated on the Crawford County Sports Complex property with paved parking, entrance drives and a bike path leading to the fields. The fields will be adjacent to the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter and to ball fields the Grayling Little League plans to develop.

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Staff Writer

The City of Grayling's new zoning ordinance, which went into effect earlier this week, promotes home ownership and the creation of medical service positions.

The Grayling City Council updated its zoning ordinance after a year-long review of local land and building regulations.

The new zoning regulations went into effect on Monday, March 9. The zoning was last updated in May 2001.

The new zoning follows an update of the city's master plan, which dictates where growth, development and redevelopment may occur in the city. City officials have also updated the entire ordinance book over the past year.

"This is a major, major piece as a cornerstone for building a city," said Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

City officials said the new zoning promotes home ownership rather than multi-family rentals. The zoning aims to maintain and increase property values. The zoning protects the integrity of the AuSable River. Finally, the zoning establishes medical cottage industry zoning along Michigan Avenue and North Down River Road.

Thayer said there are three medical related offices that are seeking to establish offices in the community due to the new zoning district.

"These are high tech, high paying jobs and others will follow," Thayer said.

Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, the CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling, said hospital officials are

pleased that the city is making way for expanded hospital and ancillary medical services.

"We thought it was a very forward thinking move because certainly health care is the largest employer, not only in the City of Grayling, but in Crawford County," Riemer-Matuzak said. "To try to bring supportive services together to support the largest employer can only benefit the community by strengthening what we already have here."

The new zoning ordinance was passed by the Grayling City Council by a 4-1 vote. City Council Member Roger Moshier cast the sole no vote.

Moshier said he favored a zoning ordinance that promoted property rights rather than too many regulations. He said he felt people should have the ability to have privacy fences in their front yards, which is not allowed by the current ordinance. The ordinance allows privacy fences in backyards, which require light to penetrate the fenced area and people to be able to see the property. Fences around swimming pools,

patios and other fixtures can totally block off the areas.

Moshier said he feels that the ordinance will overburden people who have a little bit of clutter outside their home or their grass is not mowed to the city's standards.

"People buy a home to make it a home," Moshier said.

The ordinance also requires business and property owners with dumpsters over two yards in size to have them screened with fencing. Screened dumpsters were required in the old ordinance, but they were never enforced.

Thayer said officials will seek compliance with the screening once the weather improves.

"It's something that has to be addressed but it's something that has to be addressed with a slow approach," Thayer said.

Under the new ordinance, the Grayling City Council will act as the city's zoning board of appeals rather than having a separate board hear appeals for city administration of planning commission decisions.

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New item added to peanut product recall

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Despite months of tracing various peanut products back to their source, the infamous peanut product recall doesn't seem to be over quite yet.

As of Mar. 4, Spartan Stores has issued a precautionary recall of "Spartan Chocolate Peanut Clusters," manufactured by the Palmer Candy Company of Sioux City, Iowa.

It was recently brought to light that peanut ingredients sourced from the Peanut Corporation of America's Plainview, Texas, facility may have been used in this product.

Although no illnesses

have yet been associated with this particular product, consumers are asked to discard the product or return it to the store for a refund.

A potentially deadly salmonella contamination was discovered last year in products made by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA).

When the contamination was first discovered, it was believed that it only affected a very limited line of products that were not available for retail purchase.

Subsequent investigation revealed that a huge assortment of peanut products were connected to the outbreak, including a huge variety of retail grocery items and even certain brands of dog food. The recall list expanded almost continuously until early February. This is the first new addition to the list in several weeks.

By late January, more than 400 people in 43 states had contracted salmonella poisoning connected to peanut products.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, or others with weakened immune systems.

Healthy persons infected with salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain.

In rare circumstances, infection with salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections, endocarditis and arthritis. In these cases, an untreated infection has the potential to be deadly.

It is believed that the contamination may have appeared as early as Sept. of last year.

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Should the county relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery?

Yes	No
33 votes 27%	89 votes 73%

This week's online poll question: What do you think of the I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project set for this year in Grayling?

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Trinity Home Health team wins award



The Grayling Office of Trinity Home Health Services was the recipient of the Trinity Tri-Star Award last week. The award is based on three dimensions of service: quality, mission and financial stewardship. The award was presented by officials from the Trinity Home Health Services home office in Novi.

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Sheriff seeking funds for jail cameras

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is seeking funds to place two cameras in a portion of the county jail that holds a majority of the inmates.

Wakefield said that the cameras will be placed in the E-Block of the jail, located directly behind the control room of the jail.

Wakefield said inmates periodically get into fights when one corrections officer is doing a cell check and the other officer is inputting information into the computer, booking a person into the jail or doing other paperwork.

"These guys in the jail know everything you do and when you do it," Wakefield said. "You've got to be on your toes."

The booking area, and three cells for people that have just been arrested or are intoxicated, are located on the other side of the control room. Wakefield added that no cameras were put

into the E-Block of the jail, which was built in 1996, because there are secured class windows that corrections officers can see through from the control room.

Wakefield said that inmates have a lot of time to plan and think, which results in bad decisions and bad behavior.

"Having two officers and no cameras, these guys have no fear," he said.

The A-Block of the jail, the old jail before the new complex was added, holds jail trustees and work release inmates. The B-Block is kept to house handicapped inmates. The C-Block serves as a lockdown for female inmates and the F-Block is the maximum security portion of the jail which includes three cells.

All assaults in the jail are investigated by a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy, who forwards reports to the Crawford County Prosecutor's office for charges.

Wakefield said that

inmates are segregated or bunked up with another inmate when fights occur.

"We have fist fights in there all the time because some people just don't play well together," Wakefield said.

The E-Block, which is a two-tiered area with 10 cells each, is capable of housing 20 inmates, but typically only 15 inmates are kept in the cells.

Wakefield said a recorded tape would provide ample evidence, beyond inmate statements of assaults, some of which never get reported, when fights occur.

"Hopefully, this will be a deterrent and if not - too bad, so sad, because we'll have it on tape and we'll know who threw the first punch," Wakefield said.

Wakefield is asking the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for funding for the cameras, since funding to purchase and maintain equipment was slashed from the sheriff's department budget prior to the Oct. 1, 2008, start of the fis-

cal year.

Wakefield estimated that the cameras will cost \$3,000. He added that the sheriff's department is also facing a hefty bill to replace equipment in the jail's kitchen.

"I have to scrimp and cut corners wherever I can," he said.

Camp Grayling nets federal stimulus funds

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Camp Grayling received a large chunk of federal stimulus funding to improve energy efficiency and modernize other services at the military base.

The Camp Grayling Military Training Center received \$3.8 million to modernize water and sewer services, improve its electrical systems to make the base more energy efficient and to make road improvements.

Lt. Col. Ron Latuzek, commander at Camp Grayling, said the utility and road upgrades are being done in conjunction with projects that are currently underway at the base.

The Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta also received \$2.3 million to modernize water, sewer and electrical systems.

Finally, the Lansing Reserve Forces Support Center and the Joint Forces Headquarters in Lansing received \$1.8 million for energy efficiency improvements for three buildings.

The \$7.9 million, shared by the three Michigan Army National Guard facilities,

comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the federal economic recovery plan designed to create jobs and stimulate the nation's economy.

"Federal recovery dollars will enable us to create jobs and help citizens," Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm said. "By making much needed repairs to the buildings and facilities where Michigan's Army National Guard soldiers live and train, we can honor their service and ensure that they are all well prepared."

The recovery dollars will fund infrastructure improvements, facility maintenance and operational costs for training and support centers in Michigan. All recovery plan funds will be in addition to annual federal appropriations for the maintenance of

National Guard facilities in Michigan.

"These additional dollars will help us address a backlog of maintenance projects and improve energy efficiency in many of our buildings," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, adjutant general of Michigan's National Guard. "As a result, we can provide high quality training facilities for our men and women of the Army National Guard while reducing our long-term energy costs."

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Auto industry cited as 'wake up call'

AUTO DIAGNOSIS - While American automakers suffer sales setbacks and plead for government dollars around the globe, a top U.S. government official has put his finger on what's wrong in the car business.

Rahm Emanuel, former Illinois congressman, Clinton administration official and now chief of staff to President Barack Obama, recently told a national television interview show (*Face the Nation*) that money problems at General Motors - and by inference, other American car makers - provide "a wake up call to America."

Well, sure. But how did it happen?

According to Mr. Emanuel, GM for the last several decades relied too heavily on gas guzzling big vehicles, did not invest enough in alternative energy cars, and created a huge and now outdated health care program that harmed the company and its employees.

"It's an example in my view of what the president has been saying, that we have a day of reckoning for this country," Mr. Emanuel said. "That is the challenge we face as a country."

Realistically, business provides

what customers want to buy. If customers had not wanted those big gas guzzling machines, GM and the other automakers would not have produced them. They build cars to sell cars. So the blame really belongs to the consumer, not the manufacturer.

He may be at least partly right about research, although the companies have been pursuing alternative power and styles for transportation ... but maybe not fast enough.

As to the health care program, it's true auto companies and unions together over the years have developed employee benefit programs that have been both expansive and expensive, especially in health care.

Because of generous benefits as well as outsized wages, auto company jobs have helped produce a middle to upper class of people who enjoy a very comfortable life style - at least up to this point. The financial burden to the companies from these benefits has become excessive, and has contributed to today's auto company dilemma.

If health care is a basic citizen's right, and if employers do not provide it, the most logical alternate

provider is government - which means all of us taxpayers - and some sort of national health care appears right around the corner.

POSTAL CUTBACKS - The U.S. Postal Service also faces financial problems, and has floated an idea that could help stem a rising tide of red ink.

It lost \$2.8 billion last year, and could go to a \$6 billion loss next year if present mailing trends continue.

First class stamps are taking their annual hike by two cents in May, but that may not be enough for the future.

Postmaster General John Potter blames "a revolution in the way people communicate (that) has structurally changed the way America uses the mail," with the Internet being used for personal communications, billings, payments and business correspondence.

The law now requires postal delivery six days per week, and General Potter has asked congress to lift that requirement.

Six day mail delivery is a luxury without which most of us could do just fine ... as long as it would be

Saturday delivery that is lost. It would be one less day to receive bills in the mail, and would lighten the load of fliers which should be advertising goods and services in newspapers anyway.

Our mail service in this country is outstanding compared with costs and service available in most countries. We should be thankful.

MORE SCHOOL - Arne Duncan, the new U.S. Secretary of Education and former head of Chicago public schools, has some interesting ideas about change.

At his confirmation hearing, he told a senate committee that he wants longer school days, Saturday school and summer school.

He may not pick up many votes among school kids for these views.

But while he's at it, maybe he should take a look at starting the school day at a reasonable hour such as 9 a.m. when kids are more likely to be awake and receptive to learning. Getting kids up at 6 a.m. for school days start before dawn much of the year doesn't make sense to me.

And while we're at it, why not run classes for most of the day, say

until about 4 p.m., instead of ending the day in early afternoon. That's a better fit for the students.

HAPPY NOTE - University of Michigan has actually lowered some football ticket prices for next fall.

The university announced the average ticket price for season tickets will be \$50, which is a decrease of \$3.57. For eight games, that's a total savings of \$28.56, reducing the season ticket cost to \$400.

"I just believe that in these economic times, we should find what we can do to help our fans," said Bill Martin, athletic director. "I can't say this is permanent, though."

Well, \$3.57 is \$3.57, and every little bit helps. It might help pay for a hot dog and soda.

Thanks, Bill Martin, and the U of M establishment.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Viewpoint

By Alice Snyder, COA Director

Top 10 questions about moving the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery building

Question: Why can't the senior center remain at the current location?

Fact: Unfortunately, staying at our current location is not an option because we've outgrown the space and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will not allow us to expand. In October 2004, a building committee was formed to review space needs. A joint task force was then formed from the two agencies to work toward meeting the space issues at the current location. The Commission on Aging (COA) proposed moving the Grayling Housing Commission (GHC) offices to a vacant building across the street to allow the senior center expansion to the entire existing building. The GHC tenants voted against the proposal which was followed by the GHC Board voting 4-0 against the proposal. Through a letter, HUD further advised that the COA may not expand their use of the facility.

Question: How will the COA be able to continue to serve the seniors living there?

Fact: We care very much about the seniors that live around the current senior center. Many of them are wonderful volunteers and add significant value to our organization. But, the num-

ber of GHC seniors is a very small minority of those we serve. Only 38 percent of the apartments have seniors who have participated in a meal or activity since Oct. 1, 2008. Last fiscal year, this was only two percent of the total population we served. Although we value the seniors that live there, we cannot make long term decisions based on the needs of just two percent. Jennie Hatfield, GHC Director, and the COA Director, Alice Snyder, will work together with the GHC senior tenants to continue to meet the needs of these residents.

Question: Isn't the fish hatchery building falling apart? Is it really safe?

Fact: A structural inspection was done by Joe Duran, Crawford County Building Inspector, and Wade Trim Inc. Engineering Firm of Gaylord in Dec. 2007. Mr. Duran states, "I have visually observed no safety or hazard to the structural integrity of the fish hatchery building." Wade Trim's professional engineer states, "It is our opinion that this building is in very good shape."

The building will have completely new mechanical, electrical, plumbing and sanitary service systems.

Question: How are seniors supposed to get up and down the stairs in this building?

Fact: The fish hatchery building will be updated to meet all current building codes and ADA accessibility guidelines, including but not limited to new stairways, an elevator, a new entrance and wider doorways.

Question: Isn't the fish hatchery building a fire trap?

Fact: Once the fish hatchery building is renovated, the new senior center will have a sprinkler/fire suppression system throughout the building. The building will meet all current building and fire code regulations. Neither the county building inspector or the Grayling Fire Marshall will let a building be opened that is not completely safe for the public.

Question: How is the fish hatchery building going to be accessible?

Fact: The county currently has an easement agreement with Mercy Hospital which allows pedestrian and vehicular access to the fish hatchery building from Michigan Avenue. In addition, a new entrance would be created off of North Down River Road which would lead directly back to the parking lot for the new senior center. Site work will be completed to minimize slopes and to create level parking areas to the building. The parking lot will have a minimum of 75 spaces.

Question: Should we be saving the property for Mercy Hospital expansion?

Fact: Currently, there are no known plans for hospital expansion. Also, the deed for the fish hatchery property has restrictions that will not allow expansion of Mercy Hospital onto the property.

Question: Can the county afford \$1.5 million for renovation of the fish hatchery building?

Fact: The money needed to make the payments on the new senior center's bond is currently available within the county's budget. There will be no new millages sought to pay for the renovations of the fish hatchery building. The money is already there.

Question: Has there been pressure from the county to relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery?

Fact: When it became clear that the GHC building was not an option for future expansion, the fish hatchery building was considered because the county already owned the building and several renovations had already been completed. A "due diligence" document was created listing a set of criteria and a point system for evaluating six identified sites. The final options were the Fish Hatchery building and a Build New Site. Based

upon points assigned, these options were ranked virtually the same. All of this has been done in public meetings with the minutes posted at the senior center and on the COA Web site at www.crawfordcoa.org. There have also been many articles published by the Avalanche with updates as the process moved along.

Question: Has the COA Director been forced to relocate to the fish hatchery building?

Fact: No. I fully support the board's decision to move the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery building. Having additional space will allow us to offer more services and recreational activities including fishing, nature trails, outdoor BBQs and more. We'll be directly tied into an already wonderful park system which includes the fish hatchery operation and the Grayling Township Park. We will also have the chance to reintroduce a historic piece of Grayling. From an environmental standpoint, it's been said that the "greenest" building is the one that's already built. This will refresh one of our boarded up buildings in town. This will be a modernized, historic building on riverfront property that the senior community along with their friends and family can utilize.

What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

Tom wrote on March 8 (regarding I-75 Business Loop project): "If you do anything to the roads at least fix them. I came through town this weekend and I was more worried about the damage the road was doing to my car versus being in an accident. The businesses along that stretch of road slated to be redesigned will see a financial hardship because of the construction. I've seen it happen every time there is construction. Shoppers will not brave that mess if they can go someplace else to spend their money and not have to deal with the headaches. I'm sure the nay-sayers will contradict me, but that's OK. I'll be sure to remind you of my point again this summer when you see some of them have to close or lay people off due to a drop in sales."

Betty wrote on March 6 (regarding senior center moving to

fish hatchery): "If we look at the poll the Avalanche is doing on it, 72% percent are against it. But that does not stop them. No, they are going to do what they want whether we like it or not. That tells me that they do not have any intention of listening to the people of Crawford County. How about electing people who actually have our interests at heart."

Grady wrote on March 5 (regarding recycling program): "This is a valuable program all people should support, it is good for the environment, I recycle and I only take one bag of trash to the compactor per week. Keep up the good work."

TJ wrote on March 5 (regarding COOR ISD): "Eliminate the COOR ISD! It is just another layer of government that leeches money out of taxpayers. That money could be used in our own districts for programming."

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Briefs

GPA presents Rich Ridenour and Son

Rich Ridenour and Son will perform as part of the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Thursday, March 12. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are available \$12 for an individual or \$10 for students/seniors. Family ticket packages available. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Riverland, uptown Grayling, or at the door. For more information, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

GHS to hold prom dress swap

The sophomore class of GHS will hold a Prom Dress Shop or Swap on Wednesday, March 18, in the GHS cafeteria from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dresses, shoes and related accessories can be donated, sold or swapped. Items for sale must be clearly labeled with the seller's name, address, phone number and sale price. Items are to be dropped off at the high school counseling office by March 17. For more information, contact Teresa Bonamie at 989-344-3512.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School Band Room. Parents of band students are encouraged to attend and become involved in activities that support the instrumental music program for all Grayling schools. Nominations or any interest in serving a position on the band booster board will be accepted at this meeting.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the back doctor's dining room at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call Jack Bouck at 989-821-5721 for information.

American Legion to hold dinner

The American Legion Post #106 will have an Irish Stew Dinner on Saturday, March 14, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children over age 10 and \$20 for family tickets.

Church to hold concert for kids

Bear Lake Christian Church, 12 miles west of Grayling on M-72, will host "Rob the Drummer," International Ambassador for Children, on March 15, at 6 p.m. Rob Gottfried will deliver a key message to his young audience about pro-arts, pro-sports, anti-substance abuse and self esteem through his commanding musical concert. This is for kids of all ages and there is no charge to attend.

COA to offer free tax assistance

The COA, along with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and AARP, will sponsor free personal income tax assistance for low and moderate income taxpayers over age 60. Trained volunteers will be there to assist in filing tax forms and basic schedules, including the 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ. Appointments are required, call the senior center at 348-7123. Assistance with the Michigan Homestead Tax Credit and the Michigan Home Heating Credit will be available.

Senator to hold local office hours

Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, will conduct office hours in Grayling at the Riverside Room in the Crawford County Courthouse on Monday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The office hours are for residents to express their opinions or to request assistance with a state issue.

Openings for job fair still available

The Crawford County Job Fair and Business Expo, that will be held on Tuesday, March 31, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Grayling High School, is still looking for businesses to participate. The deadline to register is March 26. For more information, call Kay at Michigan Works at 989-348-8709 or 989-826-6107.

KCC hosts free presentation on geothermal power

Officials at Kirtland Community College are hoping to show area residents yet another way they can "go green" on the greenest of holidays, St. Patrick's Day, by using the earth's own energy.

David Inmon of the Whitmore Lake-based Michigan Energy Services (MES) will be the featured guest speaker for the presentation, "A Basic Introduction to Residential Geothermal Energy," from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, on Kirtland's main campus near Roscommon.

According to company officials, MES has been involved in more than 3,000 geothermal installations in the state. And, on Earth Day in 2008, Inmon appeared on Fox Business regarding a geothermal system for a "zero energy home."

There is no charge for the forum and anyone is welcome to attend the informational event at the G.I. Stewart Auditorium. Kirtland already held public

forums on wind and solar power last fall. By offering the free forums as a community education program through the college, officials are hoping to help create a greater awareness of alternative energy options available to area residents.

But, the information series also serves an important purpose for Kirtland itself. Due to sky-rocketing prices for heating oil, the college has been researching potential solutions to its ongoing energy needs. That has included looking at natural gas, wind, solar and geothermal energy sources.

"People need to know (alternative energy) is not out of reach," said Tim Scherer, director of institutional facilities at Kirtland. "People in northern Michigan can do this."

For additional details on the forum, contact Mark Burger, community education coordinator at KCC, by calling 989-275-5000, extension 276, or via e-mail at burgerm@kirtland.edu.

A call to "wake up" on March 24 - do you have diabetes?

Sound the alert: Are you or a loved one at risk for diabetes?

That's the message the American Diabetes Association is broadcasting on national Alert Day, a one-day wake-up call slated for March 24.

The annual event is meant "to inform the American public about the seriousness of diabetes," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, CEO of Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"We encourage everyone in our area to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they, or their loved ones, are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes," she said. "Early diagnosis is critical to successful treatment, which for many means delaying or even preventing complications like heart disease, blindness, kidney disease, stroke, and amputation."

According to the American Diabetes Association, nearly 24 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes, 25 percent of which are unaware they have it. One in five Americans is at risk for developing type 2 diabetes, meaning they have two or more of the following risk factors: overweight, high blood pressure/high cholesterol, underactive (living a seden-

tary lifestyle), over the age of 45, family history of the disease and African-American, Hispanic, or Native American.

On Alert Day, the American Diabetes Association will encourage the public to take the Diabetes Risk Test, a list of simple questions about weight, age, family history, and other potential risk factors for diabetes. The Diabetes Risk Test shows users whether they are at low, moderate, or high risk for diabetes. If they are at high risk, they are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their health care provider.

"There are many risk factors related to diabetes," said Rhonda Haske, RN, BSN, CDE and Program Coordinator/Educator for Mercy Hospital Grayling. "Your family history, race, weight, activity level, age, high cholesterol and high blood pressure put you at risk. We hope that everyone in this region takes a moment to take this simple test."

To learn more, visit www.diabetes.org. To have this test reviewed and blood sugar checked, please call Mercy Hospital Grayling's Diabetes Education Department at 348-0455 to schedule an appointment.

A.R.K. to hold 8th annual baby shower

Spring is a very busy time at "The A.R.K." (Association to Rescue Kitters) in St. Helen. They are very busy getting ready for all of the "babies" that will soon be filling the cages and incubators in the "nursery." It will only be a matter of weeks before injured and orphaned baby animals and birds will be brought to "The A.R.K." for help.

Many caring people find babies in need of help but may not know where to take them. A.R.K. is the only wildlife rehabilitation center in this part of the state.

Gift ideas might include baby food, baby cereal, laundry detergent, Clorox Bleach, Clorox Clean up, dish soap, paper towels, puppy and kitten chow, canned tuna or salmon, baby wipes, tissues, gift cards from stores and money to buy items that are needed such as medicine, vaccinations and medical supplies.

A.R.K.'s 8th annual baby shower is this Saturday, March 14, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Denton Township Hall (next to The Secretary of State office) in Prudenville.

There will be games, prizes, refreshments, and A.R.K. Birds of Prey Education Birds will be there to greet all of the guests. This is an opportunity to meet all of the people that volunteer to help the animals that are brought to "The A.R.K." and ask questions to them about what they do and how you may be able to help too.

A.R.K. is a 100 percent volunteer and donation based organization.

They are a 501c3 non-profit, so donations are tax deductible. A.R.K. is located at 3878 South Maple Valley Rd. (F-97) between Houghton Lake and St. Helen.

If you have questions, need more information or

have questions about an animal, please call 989-389-3305.

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Kirtland Community College is again pleased to offer a variety of popular community education programs for only \$10 per class. Courses, which will be held at KCC's main campus near Roscommon or the M-TEC @ Kirtland-Gaylord in Gaylord, will take place regardless of the number of registrations received. Additional schedules and registration forms can be found online on the Kirtland web site at <http://kirtland.edu/comm-ed/>.

Basic Residential Electrical (CEC 13500) 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, in the M-TEC board room, Gaylord campus;

How to find Useful Information on the Internet (CEC 12230) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 23, in Room 207, ADM building, main campus;

Finding Stars and Constellations (CEC 16248) 8 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, in Room 119, INS building, main campus (alternative dates for bad weather is April 21 and April 28);

Wood Working Tools (CEC 13402) 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, in the M-TEC carpentry lab, Gaylord campus;

Computer Basics: Hands on with Microsoft Vista (CEC 12225) 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, in Room 205, ADM building, main campus;

American Sign Language: Visual Language of the Deaf (CEC 11213) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 6, Room 252, ADM building, main campus;

Digital Photography (CEC 11103) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 6, in Room 207, ADM building, main campus (bring your pictures and/or camera to class);

CEC Online Orientation (CEC 12229) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 13, Room 207 in ADM building, main campus (see what it's like to take online classes);

Introduction to Theatrical Makeup (CEC 11109) 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, Room 110B in CTC building, main campus;

How to Create your Own Free Email Account (CEC 11210) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 20, in Room 207, ADM building, main campus;

Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention (CEC 12407) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Saturday, April 25, at M-TEC in Gaylord (this course includes hands-on training in self-defense for women)

How to deal with Computer Viruses, Worms and Other Troublemakers (CEC 12231) 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, April 27, in Room 207, ADM building, main campus.

You can also register or get additional information
By calling 989-275-5000, ext. 279.



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The Bible Speaks

Israel?

As we move into a study of Romans chapter 9-11, we must first identify the real or true Israel of these chapters and her relationship to God and the church. A king once asked a court jester if he could prove God by using only one word. The jester replied, "Jews." Charles Krauthammer writing in The Weekly Standard in May 11, 1998 also expressed this truth concisely: "Israel is the very embodiment of Jewish continuity: It is the only nation on earth that inhabits the same land, bears the same name, speaks the same language, and worships the same God that it did 3,000 years ago." Jews still possess the same Torah or Holy Scriptures revealed to them in Hebrew 3,500 years ago. This Torah, as recorded by Moses still remains as the Old Testament of our Christian Scriptures. Our assertion approaching this section is that the Jews or Israel identified in Romans 9-11 are still the same people, nation and faith as described above.

Israel, the Jews, and their God have continued for centuries to be the most envied, hated, and persecuted entity by the rest of the world. Many have been taught that God rejected the Jews because of their sins and now Christians and the church

have become God's new Israel. Others who follow the 7th century A.D. prophet Muhammad and the Quran written by him believe the Abrahamic blessings including the land of Israel belong to Ishmael and the Arabs, and not to Isaac, Jacob and Israel or the Jews.

The rebirth of the nation of Israel after a 2,000 years dispersion was promised in Judeo-Christian Holy Scriptures. The prophet Amos wrote some 2700 years ago in Amos 9:14,15: "14And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 15And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God." Israel was reborn on the day of May 14, 1948 in the same miraculous way prophesied by Isaiah 66:8, 2,900 years ago: "8Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." They were physically reborn in a

day and they will be spiritually reborn the day Jesus Christ returns to earth. As Jeremiah wrote 2600 years ago in Jeremiah 31:10: "10Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock."

Israel has continued as a nation victorious in four full scale wars; the War of Independence in 1948; the Sinai War in 1956; the Six Day War in 1967 and the Yom Kippur War in 1973 all bear witness to God's supernatural intervention. The very next day after Israel declared her independence, she was attacked by armies from Egypt, Syria, Tran Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq. She defeated these armies while possessing only one tank and 5 canons. God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 remains true: "3And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Many of God's past blessings upon America have been because of our strong defense of Israel. Pastor "B"

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Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 13 - Lunch - pork roast with apple glaze, baked potato, mixed vegetables and applesauce. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic and Maple Forest Satellite Meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, March 14 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, March 16 -

Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner - chicken alfredo, noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli and peaches. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, March 17 - Lunch - hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots and plums. Dinner - stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, Italian blend vegetables and an orange. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, March 18 - Lunch - pork fritter with sweet and sour sauce, brown rice, cauliflower,

green beans and sliced apples. Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce and a brownie. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 2 p.m. caregiver class, 5:30 p.m. Price is Right game show.

Thursday, March 19 - Lunch - chicken cordon bleu, oven roasted potatoes, broccoli and mandarin oranges. Dinner - sweet and sour chicken, rice, asparagus, cauliflower and pineapple. 10 a.m. craft class, 2 p.m. UNO Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 74 complaints the week of March 2 - March 8.

One missing person, 14 general non-criminal complaints, one hazardous spill/leak/power line, three false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one assault and battery/simple assault, four larcenies, two damage to properties, one delivery of imitation controlled substance, one public peace/disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, one

food-adulterated, one tax/revenue, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, 10 traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, nine family troubles-domestic, 13 suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

In Memory of

In memory of Mary F. Hall, April 29, 1925 - May 12, 2006.

We miss you mom and grandma. Your loving touch, your wisdom and security we cherished so much. You taught us to bake, you taught us to cook, relax, forgive and to read a good book. To love our family with all our hearts, for better or worse, till

death do us part. Be true to ourselves, believe in family and strive to be the best we can be. You were an inspiration to all you touched, especially all who loved you so very much.

All our love, Cindy, John, Chris, Jeremy, Michele, Jim, John, Beth, great-grandchildren and friends

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In memory of Mary F. Hall, April 29, 1925 - May 12, 2006.

I miss you mom with all my heart. From beginning to end, your unending love will continue to be my inspiration for providing the

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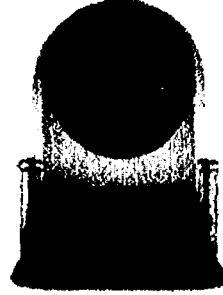
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Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Mitchell Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mmm-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool - 3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
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701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
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Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at lmrd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
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(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
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Business owners sound off on I-75 Business Loop project at city meeting

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between State Street and M-72 West will be reconstructed. One lane of southbound traffic on the Business Loop will be maintained, while northbound traffic is detoured onto State and Maple Streets.

Phase two of the project will include reconstruction at the intersection of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 West. The intersection will be closed completely and traffic will be detoured using Norway Street, Michigan Avenue and Maple Street. The work is scheduled to occur June 14-19.

Finally, phase three of the project involves the reconstruction of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be maintained on the I-75 Business Loop utilizing a combination of traffic shifts, single lane closures

and flag control. Work is expected to be completed in the late summer.

Work will be halted during holidays and the AuSable River Canoe Festival. A southbound lane of traffic will be maintained for traffic on the Business Loop, and the State and Maple Street detour will be available for Labor Day. One lane of traffic will be open in each direction on the I-75 Business Loop for the Fourth of July, the AuSable River Festival and Labor Day.

An alternative route for motorists wishing to bypass the project area will be available by using Four Mile Road, Military Road and M-93.

Jamie Greer, the owner of J. Dap Co., said she would like to see a marketing plan developed by city and state officials, beyond the wayfinding signs along the roadways and detours.

"What I would like to see

is help from the city in marketing Grayling somehow," Greer said. "Part of the feeling that I sense from people is that the city doesn't have our backs."

Grayling City officials said they are working with MDOT to ensure that the project is as least disruptive as possible.

"The city itself has very little, if any, control over what happens with this project," Grayling Mayor Larry Akers said.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said new road construction guidelines call for gaps between moving traffic and the road workers. With only four lanes of traffic, city and state officials are limited on what they can do to maintain traffic through town.

"If we had more room we could do more things," Thayer said. "We're very limited to what that is."

Greer emphasized to other business owners that

they must not allow "negative feelings about the project" to interfere with their relationships with customers. They must continue to let customers know they are there for them.

Ernie Dawson, the owner of Thanks-a-Latte/Flowers By Josie, said he believed city officials are doing their best to support local businesses under the circumstances.

"We were all having these same feelings during Michigan Avenue, and we survived Michigan Avenue," Dawson said.

MDOT will hold an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, for the I-75 Business Loop project.

The open house will give area residents and business owners an opportunity to talk one-on-one with MDOT officials regarding the 2009 road construction project.

County kicks in funds for Crawford AuSable Soccer Association soccer field relocation

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CASA, which was founded in 2001, currently holds their spring and fall youth soccer leagues at Hanson Hills. As many as 274 youngsters have participated in league play for a season. The organization also has a travel team for boys and girls age 4 to 19.

CASA has outgrown the space at Hanson Hills and has a vision of hosting regional and state tournaments. The Grayling Recreation Authority, which manages Hanson Hills, is eyeing the soccer field area to develop two softball fields for adults.

Steffey said the first phase of the sports complex project calls for the development of two fields at a cost of about \$121,000. The soccer association would continue to use porta-poties and a portable concession stand.

County and soccer association officials say having the soccer fields at the sports complex will be a convenience to parents and children when sports seasons overlap. The Grayling Redskins football fields are located at the sports complex. The Grayling Little League has a ball diamond on the property and is planning on developing additional fields. The sports complex is near the Grayling High School. Finally, parents will be able to utilize the paved path adjacent to Old U.S. 27 for walking, jogging or bicycling while their youngsters are participating in soccer

practice.

Mike Lange, chairman of the ways and means committee and liaison to the Grayling Recreation Board, said he has asked the Grayling Recreation Authority to contribute \$35,000 toward the soccer field relocation following the good winter ski season.

"They've indicated they are willing to partner with us, but they have not indicated a dollar amount yet," Lange said.

Phase two of the soccer field development calls for a permanent concession stand, improved handicapped access, improved rest rooms, lights and a scoreboard. Phase three includes paved parking, improved landscaping, possibly a third soccer field if needed, a walking path around the sports complex and a playscape.

County and soccer officials plan to apply for grants to complete future phases of the project.

"The main thing is getting the fields in so the kids have a place to play, then we can move forward with the other phases, which are nice to have, but aren't necessary to play soccer," Lange said.

If all \$105,000 pledged toward the project is in place, the soccer organization would have enough money to develop one field and do the preparation work for a second field. The development of a soccer field, which is 110 yards long by 70 yards wide, calls for bringing in top soil, leveling the playing surface and installing irrigation equipment.

Steffey said the large fields would provide a safer environment for youth soccer players.

"With the larger fields, we can move things around each year and we'll have an area to practice on and an area to play on and the turf will stay healthier," Steffey said.

CASA, since its establishment, has fully supported its operations from registration fees. To keep the registration affordable to youth and their families, the organization is seeking to fund the fields for the sports complex through other sources.

Major donors will have the fields, scoreboard or concession stand named after them or their business. Additional advertising opportunities will be available, along with opportunities to purchase goals, bleachers, benches and other items with a person's name or business recognition on it. In-kind and volunteer labor of services and materials for development of the fields will also be recognized.

The soccer association just received its 501-C3 status, which qualifies the organization as a formal, non-profit organization.

"We're going to pound the pavement and we fully expect to raise the money for development of the complex and that is part of our plan," Steffey said.

Soccer association offi-

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Our family would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends and organizations that played a huge part in giving our dad and grandpa a beautiful send off to heaven.

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In his memory, we would please ask that the present Booster Club members keep working hard for kids in Grayling, and if you're not a member, please sign up and help carry out the work of the Grayling Youth

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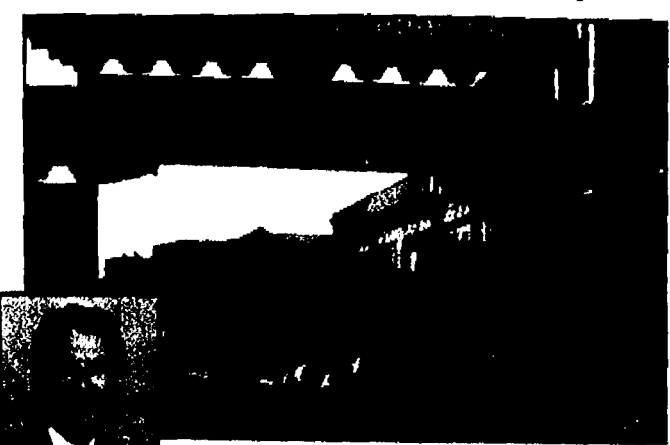
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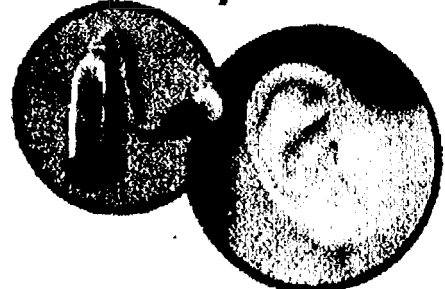


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Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

Robert Vernell Childs, age 24 of Roscommon - Plead guilty on Dec. 15, 2008, to controlled substance-deliver/manufacture-methamphetamine;

sentenced on Feb. 5, 2009, to serve three years and six months to 20 years in prison with credit for 175 days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee.

Rick Lloyd Gibson, age 57 of Portland - Plead guilty on Jan. 8, 2009, to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se and weapons possession by person under the influence; sentenced on Feb. 5, 2009, to serve 30 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$100 crime victim rights fee, \$135 state minimum costs, \$400 penal fine and \$375 circuit court costs.

Brett Charles Stoddard, age 21 of Grayling - Plead no contest on Dec. 4, 2008, to breaking and entering illegal entry without permission; sentenced on Feb. 5, 2009, to serve 30 days in jail; ordered to pay \$500 penal fine, \$50 crime victim rights fee and \$365 circuit court costs.

Larry Theodore Moretto, age 45 of Chesterfield - Plead guilty on Dec. 15, 2008, to operating-operating under the influence of liquor/per se third-offense; sentenced on Feb. 5, 2009, to serve 90 days in jail with credit for three days served; ordered to pay \$60 state minimum costs, \$60 crime victim rights fee, \$325 circuit court costs and \$350 attorney fee; placed on probation for 24 months.

Snowmobile Fun Run raises money for animal shelter

Organizer Mary Becker draws names for prizes, at the 5th Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, while Frederic resident Clem Sajdak picks a racing cap from the many prizes donated by local businesses and concerned citizens. The Fun Run was held on Valentine's Day and raised nearly \$1,500 for the shelter.

Honors**Hope College**

Matthew Larson of Grayling, a Hope College junior, is studying off-campus at the Philadelphia Center in Pennsylvania during the 2009 spring semester.

He is the son of Chris Larson of Grayling and a 2006 graduate of Grayling High School.

Ferris State University

James Boylan and Ann Melroy, both of Grayling, Kristin Paul, of Frederic, and Sara Brigham, Terry Campbell, Courtney Russell, Krystyna Sherman and Jacob Sucaet, all from Roscommon, earned Academic Honors on the Dean's List from Ferris State University for the

semester that ended in December 2008.

Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University announced fall semester honors for students from the Grayling area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. The students were Ryan Cooper, Zachary Dean, Krista Feeney, Kip Franklin, Jessica Golnick, Joshua Jurkovich, Matthew McDonald, Alex McNamara, Richard McNamara, Adam Prescott and Samantha Wakeley, all of Grayling, and Joshua Menkes of Frederic.

The fall semester ended in December.

**RECYCLING SUGGESTIONS**

As the snow gradually recedes, many Crawford County residents might start thinking about restoring their lawns and gardens to their former spring glory.

If you decide that this is the year to replace that leaky garden hose you've had in storage all winter, consider some recycling options before tossing it in the trash.

Poking holes throughout the length of the hose can effectively turn it into a "soaker hose." Place the hose across a garden or lawn and watch it soak the entire area.

Similarly, carefully placed holes can make an old hose into a sprinkler

for kids. It also eliminates the risk of kids tripping over your good sprinkler, which might hurt them or damage the sprinkler.

Old hoses can also be used to support growing trees that are still small after the long winter. Just tie a section of the hose around the tree.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with the community! Send an e-mail to comments@crawfordcountyavalanche.com or write to "Crawford County Avalanche," P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. Look for a new recycling tip in next week's column.

Raffle Winners**Grayling Youth Booster Club**

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Living with Rett Syndrome

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Almost any parent would agree that raising a child is no easy challenge. Raising a child with special needs is even tougher. For Mike and Kim Parish, whose daughter was born with one of the rarest neurodevelopmental disorders known to exist, love and sheer strength of will are daily requirements.

Naomi Parish, age 5, suffers from Rett Syndrome, also called RTT or "Retts." The disease went completely unidentified until 1966, and a formal clinical diagnosis was not made possible until 1999 with the discovery of the MECP2 gene.

According to the International Rett Syndrome Foundation, only about 3,500 people have been diagnosed with the condition worldwide.

"Before my daughter got it, I never heard of it. It's super rare," Mike said.

The disease is caused by a sporadic mutation of the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome. The condition generally only appears in girls, since male embryos with this genetic defect almost never survive to birth.

Although a girl with RTT will look and act quite nor-

mal at birth, they lose the ability to control their hands, walk, speak and understand language after six to 18 months.

Gastrointestinal problems and seizures are also common to many victims. Naomi has particularly severe symptoms.

"If she comes off the medication, she'll have about 15 to 20 (seizures) a day," Mike said.

Naomi's parents also have a great deal of difficulty communicating with their daughter.

"She doesn't talk. She babbles. She understands what you're saying to a certain point," Mike said.

Caring for their daughter is a daily hurdle. Mike and Kim must tend to Naomi's every need.

"She can't do anything on her own," Mike said.

She also requires frequent visits with specialists. Twice a year, Naomi visits Rett Syndrome specialists in Alabama.

"She's been in and out of the hospital a lot," Mike said. "It gets expensive, all the running around."

Despite these obstacles, Mike and Kim have never hesitated to seek the care their daughter needs.

"It's tough, but she's just so great," Kim said. "It's

easy if you get into a routine for her ... she's just a perfect girl."

Despite her condition, Naomi is by no means out of touch with the world around her. In fact, despite their inability to communicate effectively, many Retts victims have normal intelligence. In many ways, Naomi is like a normal 5-year-old.

"Probably her favorite thing is swimming ... that's like the best therapy," Kim said.

Although Naomi lacks many basic motor skills, she is able to move around a pool while wearing flotation devices. She has other interests, too.

"She loves music ... she just brightens up," Kim said.

If there's anything Naomi loves even more than swimming and music, it's her 2-year-old brother Logan.

"If you mention his name, she starts crying when she isn't with him ... she loves being with her brother," Mike said.

Although there is currently no cure for Rett Syndrome, Naomi takes medication to control her symptoms. Retts victims can sometimes be taught to feed themselves with special utensils. Many have even learned to use special

devices to communicate.

Meanwhile, recent genetic breakthroughs suggest that a cure may become available in the coming decades.

Although Mike and Kim were fortunate enough to get an accurate diagnosis relatively soon after symptoms started to appear in their daughter, most trained medical personnel have never even heard of the illness. RTT is often confused with autism or other more common neurodevelopmental disorders.

"When you take her into the hospital, nobody knows what Rett Syndrome is," Kim said.

For this reason, Naomi's parents hope to promote awareness of this condition in the community.

"Everybody knows what autism is. I guess you can't blame them," Mike said.

"Nobody knows anything about (Rett Syndrome). Our biggest thing is awareness."

For more information, visit www.rettsyndrome.org.



Naomi Parish (right) plays with her little brother Logan (left). Although Naomi's ability to communicate is severely limited, her parents know she loves swimming, music and spending time with her brother.

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Speech therapist's Sunday best helps student recover from sledding accident

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and nerve damage. Schreiber was out of school for a couple of weeks, before she was allowed to return with strict restrictions placed on her activities.

When she returned to the classroom, Schreiber started on a regimen of exercises to regain her memory and build up the muscles in her face. The sessions were held with Cathy Hilbrecht, the speech and language pathologist at the AuSable Primary School.

Schreiber did daily drills to build up her facial muscles which had drooped down on the right side. The drills included sucking up Cheerios with a straw, blowing a pipe that makes bubbles, gripping a button between her teeth, making puckered faces and smiling in the mirror and placing a cube of ice on her face.

Schreiber, who was an AuSable Primary School second grader when the accident occurred, had the memory of a kindergartner and could not recognize words and numbers at her

grade level.

"When she left a room, she forgot what she was going to do," Yvonne Schreiber said. "She had to build up her confidence and challenge herself more."

As the end of school year neared, Yvonne inquired about continuing therapy during the summer break. The Hilbrechts and the Schreibers both attend St. Mary's Church in Grayling for Sunday mass. Yvonne Schreiber is the office manager for St. Mary's Church.

"My concern was she would lose all the progress she made," Yvonne said.

Hilbrecht said that since Olivia's injuries were more acute, it was a good idea to address them sooner than wait for another therapist to continue treatment.

Hilbrecht and Olivia met after Sunday mass. They continued the exercises to work on her facial muscles. Hilbrecht would then read stories and show pictures to Olivia and ask her to recount the details to test her memory.

As attendance at Sunday mass began to grow over

the summer, Hilbrecht opted to meet Olivia after the Wednesday mass at the church.

"It was fun to work with her," Hilbrecht said. "She worked really hard and it was fun to see her get better and see her progress."

From dropping their debit card and leaving their five other kids with friends and neighbors after the accident occurred, to helping Olivia get around the house due to her poor balance, her recuperation has been a family and church-family affair.

"Everybody played their role," Yvonne said. "It is a true blessing to be part of a small community."

Yvonne credits Hilbrecht with getting Olivia up to speed for the current school year and overcoming her injuries.

"We owe a lot of her healing to Mrs. Hilbrecht and her devotion and dedication," Yvonne said.

Olivia said she was pleased to have some more one-on-one time with Hilbrecht.

"I was glad she was there

to help me," Olivia said.

Hilbrecht is married to Jim Hilbrecht. The couple has four sons.

Hilbrecht said the family takes mini-vacations during the summer but typically likes to stay close to home, which made it easier to work with Olivia during the summer. Not being there for Olivia through their school and church relationship never crossed Hilbrecht's mind.

"It was the right thing to do and something I wanted to do," Hilbrecht said. "I've known her family for a long time and it was a pretty easy thing to work with her."

Hilbrecht was recently recognized at a Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting, for helping Olivia beyond the regular school year.

"I think it is a wonderful example of how dedicated our staff is to helping each and every one of our students and I applaud Cathy for going the extra mile for Olivia," Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers said.

Crawford County Board of Commissioners studying county sports complex policy

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Committee to oversee the day-to-day decisions that need to be made regarding the property and the build-

ings. Two county commissioners and County Administrator Paul Compo will serve on the committee. Commissioners Scott Hanson and Mike Lange have served on a committee in recent years which oversees the use of the fairgrounds property and the redevelopment of the property.

The sports complex committee will make decisions on event positioning, property usage, building usage and future planning involving the Crawford County Sports Complex.

In addition, all fund raising activities taking place on the sports complex property must have prior approval by the committee and must be reported to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners at its monthly meetings.

Last week, county commissioners opted not to

include the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, which relocated to the former fairgrounds property in June 2007, in the sports complex policy. The animal shelter has a separate management agreement with the county and the commissioners don't want to interfere with the shelter's fund-raising efforts.

"We want to be crystal clear that this does not include the animal shelter property," Lange said.

A group of people involved in a particular organization may appeal any decision made by the sports complex committee to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The group must file a written notice of appeal to Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore.

The sports complex committee will hear any

disputes involving the use of the property. The resolution determined by the Committee will stand unless it is overruled by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The board's final determination on the issue will stand.

County officials renamed the fairgrounds property as the Crawford County Sports Complex last year.

The Crawford AuSable Soccer Association and the Grayling Little League are planning to develop fields on the property. The Grayling Redskins youth football league has used the property for years.

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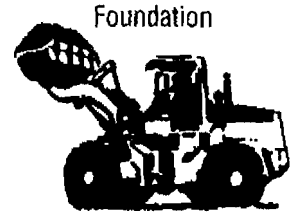
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Scouts endure subzero temperatures to earn award

While most of northern Michigan grudgingly tolerated the recent spell of subzero weather, seven boys and three adult leaders from local Boy Scout Troop 979 saw it as a great opportunity to earn their Polar Bear Badges last month.

Scouts can earn the award by camping out over night. They must be in the environment for a minimum of 18 hours in temperatures equal to or below 32 degrees.

These conditions were not hard to find this winter. Scoutmaster Loren Goodale, one of the three participating adult leaders, said that although the severe cold weather was formidable, the boys and leaders were well prepared for the task.

Guided by the Boy Scout motto "be prepared," the boys spent several weeks at troop meetings practicing

cold weather survival skills and preparing their equipment.

Rather than using tents, the scouts used tarps and the plentiful snow on the ground to create shelters.

After building their shelters and preparing their sleeping areas, they enjoyed a couple of hours of sledding before returning to the camp site and warming up by the fire.

After a night of story telling they were off to bed. When they awoke, it was time to rekindle the fire, make breakfast and clean up camp.

"The boys returned home with a new sense of accomplishment and confidence that they could survive the harshest conditions by being prepared," Goodale said.

Scouts from Troop 979 began honing their cold weather survival skills by



Scouts from Troop 979 built winter shelters using tarps and snow. They spent over 18 hours in the cold to earn the Polar Bear Badge.

participating in the Klondike earlier in the winter. The Klondike is a one day event involving 24 patrols made up of five to eight scouts from around northern Michigan.

This year's competition was held in Antrim County.

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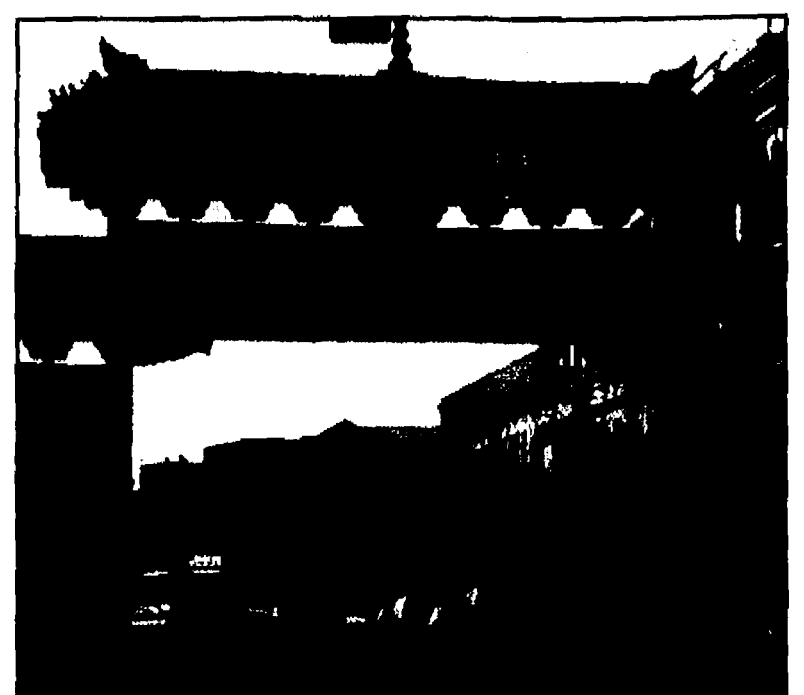
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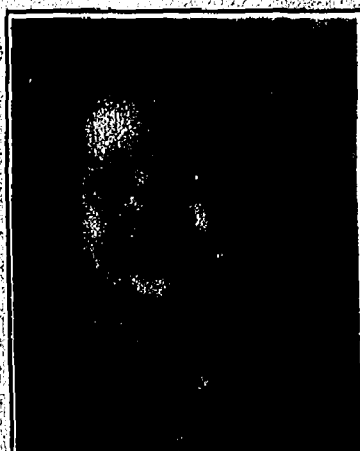
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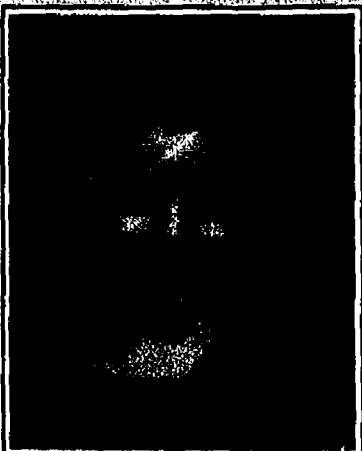
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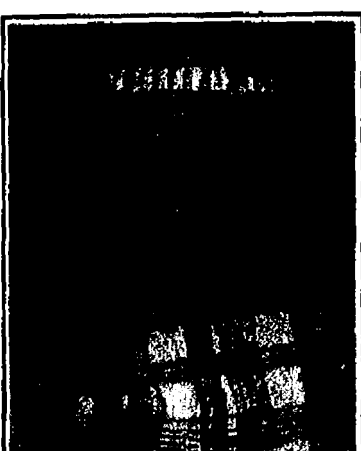
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Mackenzie Harwood shoots for the Vikings on Monday night.

Vikings unable to overcome bad start in 50-45 playoff loss

GHS battles back from 19-4 deficit, but Elks win by 5

The Grayling Vikings got off to a terrible start during Monday night's District 63-B tournament girls basketball game at Elk Rapids – the Elks led by 15 after the first quarter – but the team battled back and had a chance to win. Ultimately, Grayling's comeback attempt came up short, and Elk Rapids won by five, 50-45, ending Grayling's season.

Elk Rapids started strong, feeding its offense with effective full court pressure defense that completely stifled Grayling in the first quarter. The Elks led 19-4 at the end of the first period. Elk Rapids had a 23-15 advantage at halftime.

Grayling fought back in the third period
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Varsity squad wins 71-55 in regular season finale

Vikings finish year at 9-11 overall (6-8 league)

Grayling scored 71 points – its second-highest total of the year – in last Tuesday's 16-point varsity boys basketball victory vs. the visiting Boyne City Ramblers. The contest – a league game – was Grayling's last regular season match of the year.

The Vikings led 13-8 after one quarter. Grayling had an

11-point advantage, 34-23, at halftime. Grayling led 45-38 going into the fourth period.

Boyne City scored the first basket of the fourth quarter, cutting Grayling's lead to five. Two baskets by Tyler Steffey put the Vikings ahead by nine. Boyne City scored an inside shot to pull within seven.

Grayling scored two points

with a jump shot by Steffey. Colin Hamlin stole the ball and drove to the basket for two more, giving Grayling an 11-point advantage.

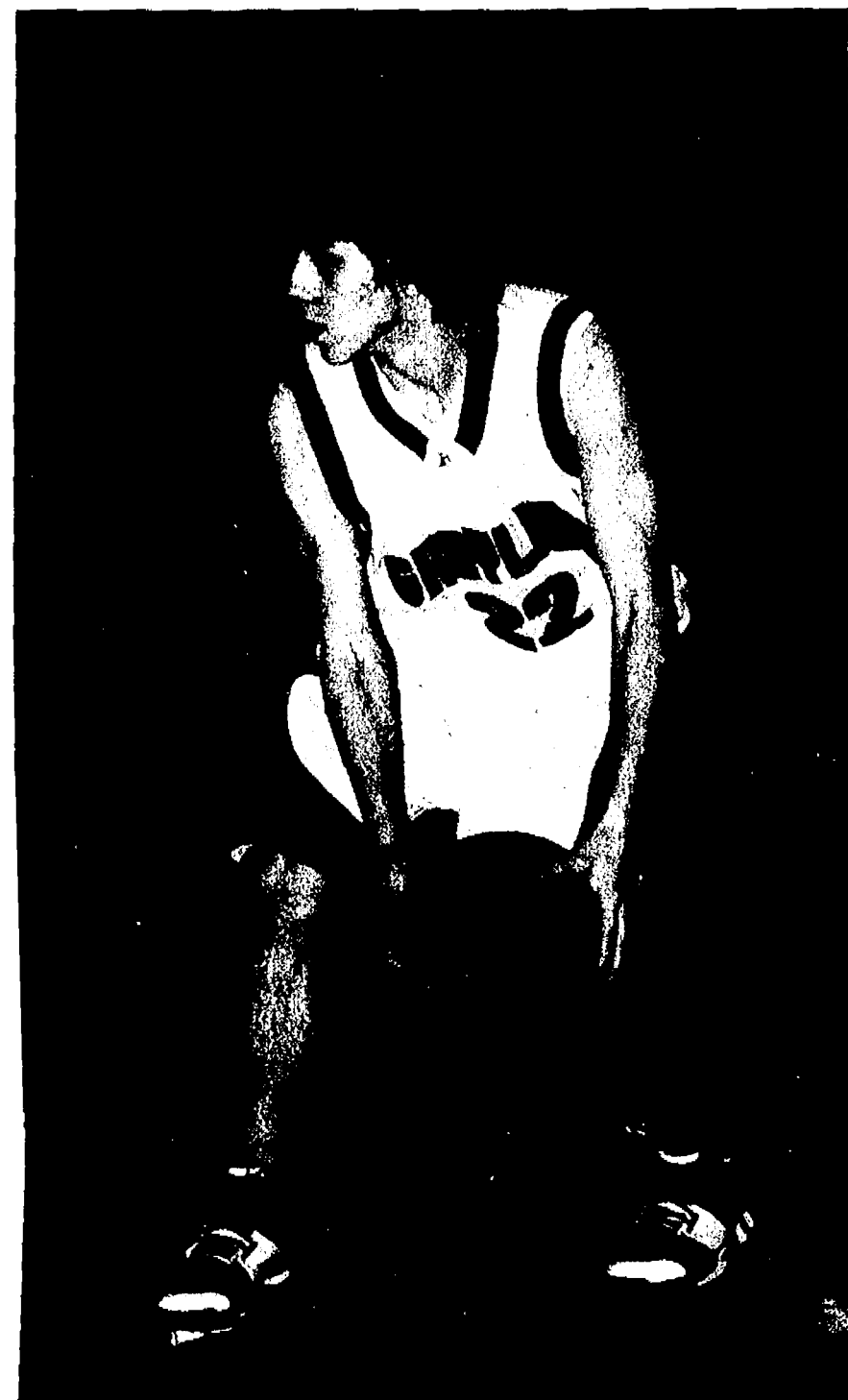
At the 4:54 mark, Hamlin hit two free throws to give the Vikings a 55-43 lead. Boyne City scored the next two baskets to pull within eight. Eric Ferrigan hit a three-pointer to

extend Grayling's lead back to 11. Two more free throws by Hamlin gave Grayling a 60-47 advantage.

The Vikings outscored Boyne City 11-6 in the final two minutes of regulation. Boyne City's six points were the result of two three-pointers. Grayling's 11 points came from (in order) an
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Doug Gothro, left, shoots the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday vs. Boyne City. Robbie Wilson, right, handles the ball for Grayling on Tuesday night.



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JV Vikings end season with loss vs. Boyne City

Ramblers outscore Grayling 41-30 in 2nd half

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team posted a 13-4 record in its first 17 games, but the Vikings finished their 2008-2009 season with three consecutive losses, including a 65-52 defeat vs. the Boyne City Ramblers last Tuesday in the squad's season finale.

Boyne City led by two, 24-22, at halftime. The Ramblers steadily increased their lead in the second half, outscoring the Vikings 41-30 in the final 16 minutes of the game.

"Offensively, we were out of sync. We had 22 turnovers and never seemed to get in rhythm on offense," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Zane Tobin, 15 points; Riley Zigila, 11 points; Jensen Aubry, 9 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists; Jake Helsel, 6 points, 3 rebounds; Ethan Lewis, 4 points; Griffin Dean, 3 points, 5 rebounds; Brent Steffey, 2 points, 4 rebounds.

On Friday, Feb. 27, the Vikings lost by five, 57-52, at Traverse City St. Francis.

Grayling led 20-16 after one quarter. The Vikings had a 33-30 advantage at halftime. GHS led by one, 41-40, going into the fourth period.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Tobin, 15 points, 3 assists, 3 steals; Zigila, 11 points, 4 steals; Helsel, 10 points, 3 assists, 2 blocks; Lewis, 7 points; Dean, 5 points, 6 blocks, 8 rebounds; Aubry, 2 points; Steffey, 2 points.

"We played tough and led most of the game. In the end, we just couldn't put things away against the conference champs. I was very proud of our effort, but champi-
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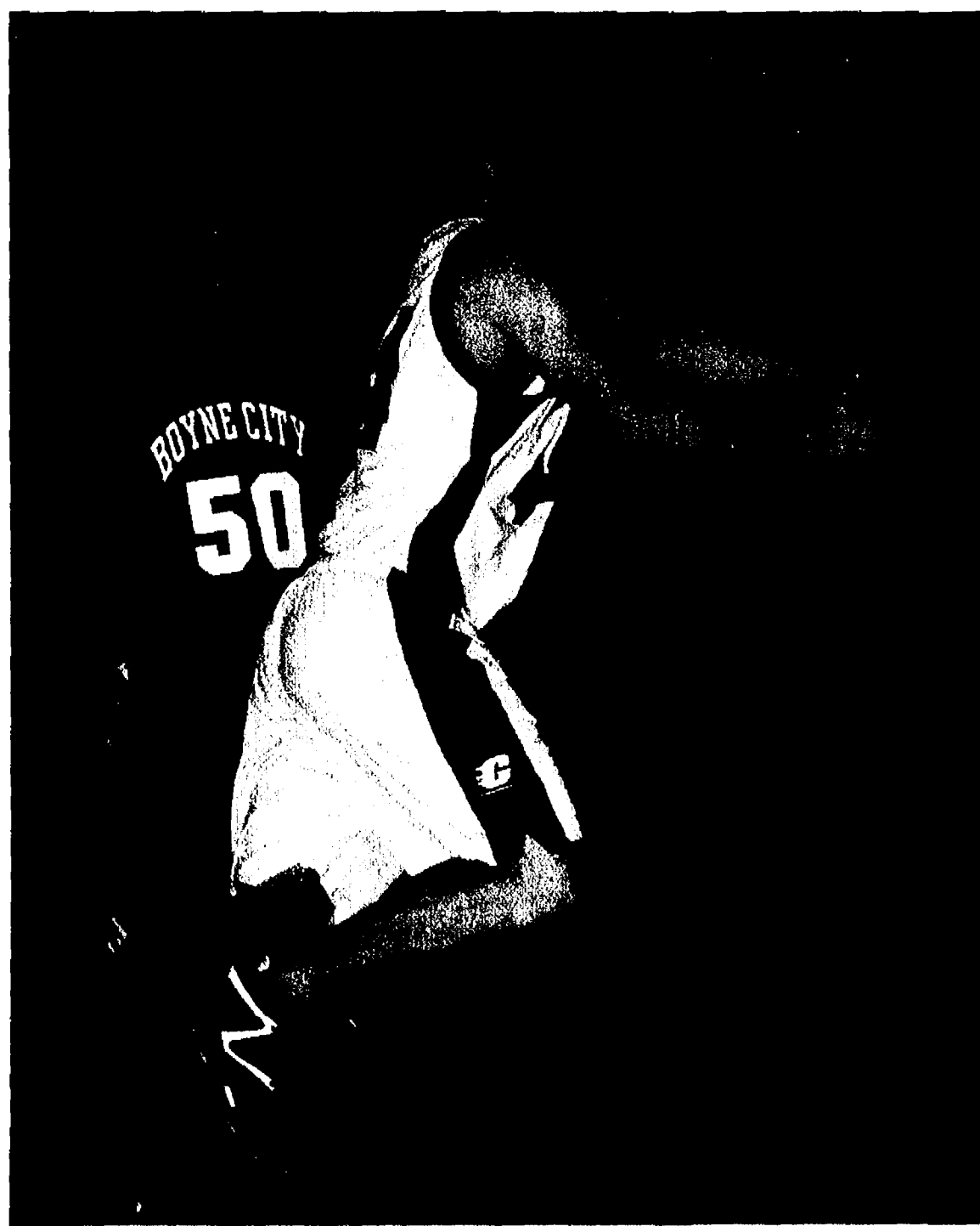


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Jake Helsel drives to the basket for the Vikings during last Tuesday's JV game against Boyne City.

9th graders outscore Boyne City 37-27 in 2nd half of 61-50 win

Freshman squad finishes year with 13-5 overall record

The GHS freshman boys basketball team ended its 2008-2009 season last Tuesday with a 61-50 victory vs. the visiting Boyne City Ramblers.

Grayling led by one, 24-23, at halftime. The Vikings outscored Boyne City 37-27 in the second half.

Grayling's leading scorers included: David Bergan, 28 points, 3 rebounds, 5 steals, 4 assists; Josh McBride, 12 points, 8 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks; Craig Collen, 10 points, 7 rebounds, 6 steals, 1 assist, 2 blocks; Tom Burrell, 5 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists; Devon Dawson, 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals, 4 assists; Ryan Randall, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist; Jared Carlisle, 3 rebounds; Zach Schreiber, 3 rebounds; Joe Latusek, 1 rebound, 1 steal.

"After getting off to a slow start, we showed a great deal of intensity and effort in the second half. We made a big run at the end of the third and into the fourth quarter that was ignited by our defense," Coach LJ Mead said. "Devon Dawson, Craig Collen, and David Bergan were key to our success due to the pressure they put on the Boyne guards on defense. When these guys play with that kind of intensity, it is really fun to watch."

"I appreciate the effort that all of these young men put forth this season. It was fun to see them improve as basketball players.
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JV Vikings end season with loss vs. Boyne City

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ons play harder when times are tough. (Traverse City St. Francis) found a way to win when times were tough and the game was on the line," Coach Kucharek said.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the Vikings lost 62-47 at Kalkaska.

Scoring leaders for Grayling included: Helsel, 15 points; Tobin, 14 points; Dean, 7 points; Lewis, 6 points; Zigila, 5 points.

"Riley Zigila provided a defensive spark for us in the second and third quarter," Coach Kucharek said. "In the end, we did not handle their pressure well."

The Vikings finished the season with a 13-7 overall record. The team was 7-7 in league games this year.



Riley Zigila, left, dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Tuesday night. Ethan Lewis, right, shoots the ball for Grayling vs. Boyne City.

8th Grade Girls Basketball

Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball squad recently ended its 2009 season with a 32-7 loss vs. Kalkaska in a contest played at GMS.

"This game was a tough way to finish our season. The girls played so incredible Monday night we were hoping for a better performance tonight," Coach Sarah McGuire said. "Unfortunately, Kalkaska played excellent team basketball and we struggled to compete with them. We were able to break Kalkaska's full court press much better tonight than the last time we played them and ran our offense to get several good looks at the basket, but our shots were

not falling. Defensively, we applied good pressure at times; Kalkaska was just able to break it down. Most of our team kept a good attitude throughout the game and continued to play hard until the end."

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Danielle Dami, 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 block, 1 steal; Maddie Benardo, 2 points, 5 rebounds; Hannah Haven, 2 points, 1 rebound; Carly Duncley, 1 point, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Caitlin Prosser, 4 rebounds, 4 steals; Jo Hamlin, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Stanna Dorn, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Shanley Dorn, 1 rebound, 1 steal.

On Monday, Feb. 23, the Vikings lost 23-15 vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth in a contest played at GMS.

"This rematch was a game I was really looking forward to - for good reason. We suffered a tough loss against them early in the season, but played much, much better against them tonight. At the end of the first quarter, Traverse City led the game 6-2, but that was only because we missed our easy baskets. We definitely outplayed them in the first six minutes of the game, forcing them into a lot of turnovers and beating their defensive pressure easily; unfortunately, this was not reflected in the score," Coach McGuire said.

"In the second quarter our intensity let down slightly because of fatigue, but we played with them, finishing the half down 12-6. We came out in the third quarter just like the first with great

defensive pressure, forcing turnovers, but again not converting on our easy shots. On the scoreboard, we played even with them in the third and went into the fourth down 16-10. We cut their lead to four in the fourth, but missed some free throws that would have put us in the position to win the game. Our girls played phenomenally tonight. It was the best defense I have seen them play all season, forcing a very good team to turn the ball over and get very frustrated. We ran the floor in transition and executed our offense to get excellent looks at the basket, but our shots just were not going in tonight," Coach McGuire said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Hannah Haven, 6 points, 3 steals; Alyssa Morley, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 5 steals; Prosser, 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Dami, 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 block; Hamlin, 1 point, 2 rebounds, 3 steals; Shanley Dorn, 1 rebound, 3 steals; Stanna Dorn, 1 rebound, 1 steal; Benardo, 2 rebounds; Duncley, 1 rebound.

On Feb. 17, the Vikings lost 37-18 at Charlevoix.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Alyssa Morley, 4 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals; Shanley Dorn, 4 points, 3 steals; Haven, 4 points, 1 assist; Prosser, 3 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 steals; Hamlin, 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal; Dami, 4 rebounds, 1 steal.

"Charlevoix has a great girls basketball program that we struggled to compete with tonight, especially

because we were missing a couple of our players. We started the game pretty well defensively, holding them to just four points for most of the first quarter. We were able to break their tough full court press and run our offense for good scoring opportunities, but our shots just weren't falling. Then Charlevoix was able to capitalize on a few of our turnovers to jump out to a nine-point lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was better for us offensively, but we turned the ball over too much throughout the game against a good team that made us pay. They made a run on us again in the fourth to make the final score look more lopsided than the game really was," Coach McGuire said.

On Feb. 9, the Vikings lost 28-17 at Kalkaska.

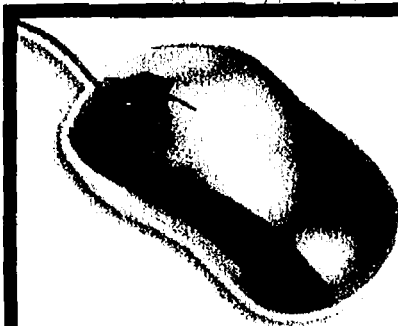
Leading scorers for GMS included: Prosser, 8 points, 8 rebounds, 1 block, 1 assist; Hamlin, 4 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal; Morley, 2 points, 1 steal; Shanley Dorn, 2 points, 1 rebound; Stanna Dorn, 1 point, 3 steals; Dami, 2 rebounds, 1 block, 2 steals; Haven, 1 rebound, 3 steals; Duncley, 2 rebounds; Benardo, 1 rebound.

"This was a tough game for our girls because Kalkaska applied tremendous defensive pressure from the beginning of the game until the end. We never gave up and continued to work for the entire game, putting some points on the board and applying defensive pressure of our own," Coach McGuire said.

6th Grade Girls Basketball



Grayling Middle School's 6th grade girls basketball team recently finished its 2009 winter league season with a 6-6-1 overall record. The Vikings played on Saturdays against six other area teams during the year. "Great season," Coach Dennis Wallace said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the girls play in 7th grade." The team: (front, L to R) Rachel Money, Allison Dorn, Courtney Hatfield, Hailey Whitaker, Bre'lynn Ross; (back, L to R) Coach Wallace, Katelyn Vierling, Taylor Nielson, Samantha Fyan, Coach Terry Nielson.



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9th graders outscore Boyne City 37-27 in 2nd half of 61-50 win

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and people," Coach Mead said.

Two weeks ago, Grayling High School's 9th grade boys basketball squad played three road games and won two of them.

On Monday, Feb. 23, Grayling won 59-41 at Houghton Lake.

"This was a game the kids really wanted," Coach LJ Mead said. "They put together a great second quarter, outscoring Houghton Lake 19-6. This really lifted us, as we played consistent the rest of the game. Craig Collen put forth a very solid effort on both ends of the floor.

Devon Dawson sparked us with his aggressive defense."

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Bergan (17), Collen (11), Dawson (9), McBride (9), Randall (5), Burrell (4), Carlylse (2), Schreiber (2). Bergan had 13 rebounds for GHS.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the Vikings defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 52-32 at Kalkaska.

"Great all-around team effort with everyone getting a good deal of playing time. Everyone contributed tonight," Coach Mead said. "Our defense was solid, holding Kalkaska to only 13 first

half points. Ryan Randall and Josh McBride played a solid game on the offensive side of the ball, while Travis Schreiber and Devon Dawson were stand-outs on defense."

Leading scorers for GHS were: Burrell (11), McBride (11), Randall (8), Bergan (7), Collen (6), Dawson (4), Carlylse (2), T. Schreiber (2), Z. Schreiber (1).

The Vikings lost 55-48 on Friday, Feb. 27, at Traverse City St. Francis.

"We got off to a slow start and did not play our game. We let (Traverse City St. Francis) dictate what was going to happen

on the court. We lacked energy and emotion on the defensive side of the ball. We seemed a step slow all night long and we struggled inside against their big guys," Coach Mead said.

"Craig Collen played extremely well on the offensive side of the ball, scoring 17 points and shooting 3 for 4 from behind the arch."

Grayling's leading scorers were: Bergan (20), Collen (17), Burrell (7), Dawson (2), Carlylse (2).

The Vikings won six of their last seven games and finished the 2008-2009 season with a 13-5 overall record (10-4 league).

5th Grade Girls Basketball

On Saturday, Feb. 21, Grayling hosted the final day of the 5th and 6th grade girls basketball league. Previous host sites for the Saturday contests, which began on Jan. 17, included Fairview, Gaylord St. Mary's, Kalkaska, Roscommon, and Gaylord. Additional teams participating included Alpena, Boyne City, and Cheboygan.

Grayling's 5th grade team, which had 15 players this year, was coached by Brian Burrell and Jim Hulbert.

"A weekly practice focused on developing passing, dribbling, and shooting skills along with zone defense emphasis," Coach Hulbert said.

Two games each Saturday consisted of 20-minute halves with a running clock.

"The players were out-matched the first week, losing both games, but made steady progress, splitting games over the next two weeks, winning both the following week, while finishing out 1-3 during the last two weeks," Coach Hulbert said.

"The girls made tremendous progress over the



The 5th grade team: (front, L to R) Chrissy Bonamie, Jordan Denton, Destiny Duncan; (middle, L to R) Rosalynn Galvani, Brittany Nielson, Maryn Burrell, Sally Metiva, Madison Kenyon, Emily Jackson; (back, L to R) Coach Jim Hulbert, Brandi Conforti, Tyler Helsel, Cassidy Debusschere, Jackie Bulmer, Erica Umlor, Ashley Branch.

course of two months and surpassed expectations due to their hard work and coachable spirit," Coach Hulbert said. "The sense of teamwork that developed was great to see and proba-

bly the most satisfying measure of their growth. The parents and families were encouraging as attendance and support was phenomenal. Varsity coach Kelly Sheehan did a great job

organizing the league and communicating changes and updates. I look forward to the prospect of seeing these girls as future Lady Vikes toward the high school level."

7th Grade Girls Basketball

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team won its season finale - a game vs. Kalkaska played at Grayling Middle School on Feb. 25 - by a final score of 33-8.

"The (Vikings) played their tough pressure defense again, which led to many points in transition and a balanced scoring attack," Coach Doug Pummell said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Colbie Wakely (8), Cierra Prosser (6), Meagan Malm (6), Makayla Cragg (6), Marilyn Jankowski (5), Victoria Doster (2).

"Many girls had their best game of the year, and our defensive rotation was probably the best it was all year. All of the girls improved a lot over the course of the season and this will be a very competitive group as they go on. It was a very fun group to coach," Coach Pummell said.

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the

Vikings lost 27-14 at Charlevoix.

The Rayders led 12-0 after one quarter and 18-2 after two periods.

"Charlevoix came out in a full court press and ... it was the most pressure we have seen all season. We kind of freaked out the first half. They scored most of their points off of the press," Coach Pummell said. "They still pressed us the second half, but we handled it much better and then were able to score and press them, and they had difficulty with our press."

"Leading the way defensively were Cierra Prosser, Colbie Wakely, and Emily Leslie," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Prosser (3), Malm (2), Cragg (2), Doster (2), Jankowski (2), Natalie Woodley (1).

On Feb. 23, the Vikings lost 23-17 vs. Traverse City St. Elizabeth in a game played at GMS.

"(We) came out playing

tough defense and held them scoreless in the first quarter to lead 4-0. St. Elizabeth had a run in the second quarter where they scored nine points in less than two minutes, so the halftime score was 9-9. At the end of the third quarter it was 17-13 and the game ended with St. Elizabeth winning 23-17," Coach Pummell said. "The team played really well, especially on defense. We lost by nine last time and played much better this time. It was a good game between good teams. Marilyn Jankowski, Cierra Prosser, Tara Pummell, and Meagan Malm had great games defensively. Makayla Cragg and Victoria Doster were the leading rebounders."

Leading scorers included: Jankowski (6), Pummell (5), Wakely (3), Prosser (2), Malm (1).

The Vikings finished their 2009 season with a 5-5 record.

On Sunday, March 1, the

GHS Bowling Club

The Grayling High School bowling club recently competed in its two-day regional tournament at Traverse City's Timber Lanes. Grayling finished 10th as a team.

The squad's eight bowlers were Matt Hellebuyck, Tyler Hanson, Jordan Helsel, Taylor DesEnfants, John Cochrane, Mike Davis, Kelsey Neuberger, and Nicole Metzger.

Hellebuyck finished in 19th place, Hanson finished in 29th place, Helsel finished in 39th place, and DesEnfants finished in 48th place in the individual regional event.

The squad's high games during individual regionals included: Hanson (193, 183), Helsel (185), Hellebuyck (180), DesEnfants (167).

"We competed well for

our first ever regional event. I was proud of how much each bowler improved, and the great news is that four of our five starters on varsity will be returning next season. The bowling program at Grayling High School is heading in the right direction and good things will happen in the future," Coach Ben Brock said.

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Vikings unable to overcome bad start in 50-45 playoff loss

Continued from Page 1B and pulled within four (24-20) at one point. Elk Rapids outscored Grayling 11-1 for the rest of the third quarter, however, and the Elks took a 14-point lead (35-21) into the fourth period.

Grayling opened the fourth quarter with a three-pointer by Teresa Schreiber. Elk Rapids scored two with a jump shot. The Vikings answered with a jump shot by Mackenzie Harwood. Elk Rapids hit a three-pointer to go back up by 14.

Four free throws – two each by Shalee Miller and Sam Schreiber – cut Elk Rapids' lead to 10. The Elks hit a three-point shot to lead by 13.

A drive by Harwood and two more three-pointers by T. Schreiber pulled Grayling within seven, 45-38, with 1:47 remaining. Two free throws by Elk Rapids gave the Elks a

nine-point advantage.

Grayling scored two points with a put-back by Laura Boylan. A free throw by Miller cut Elk Rapids' lead to six. Grayling fouled to stop the clock and Elk Rapids hit one of two at the free-throw line.

Two free throws by Miller pulled Grayling within five, 48-43, with 30 seconds left in the fourth period.

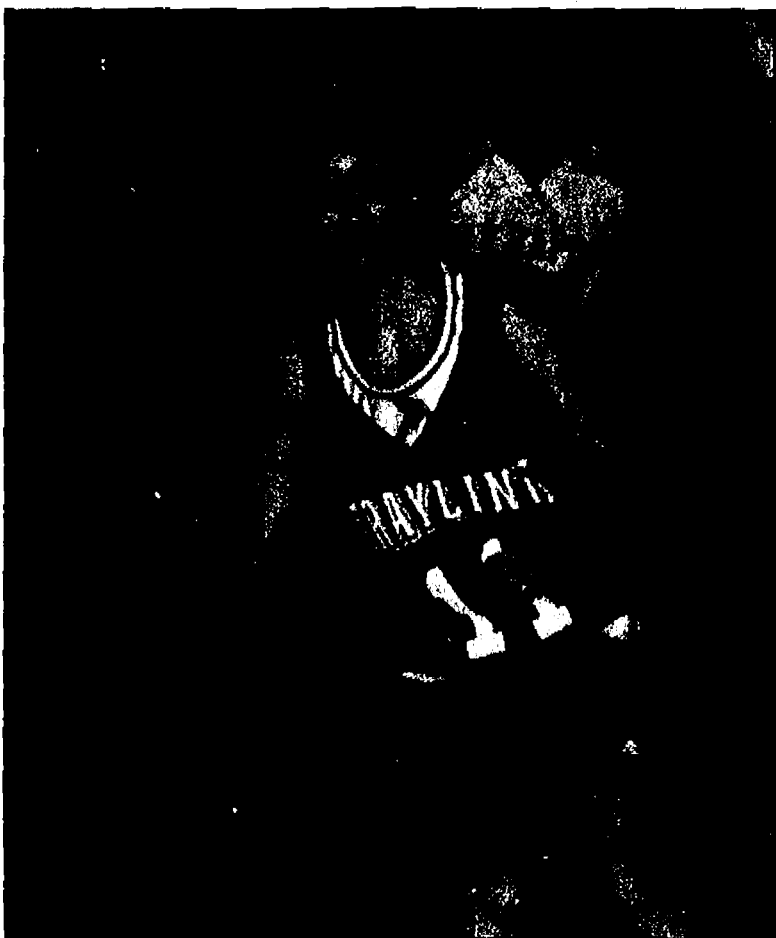
The Vikings fouled and Elk Rapids hit one of two at the line. Boylan converted two free throws, pulling Grayling within four with 12 seconds remaining. Grayling fouled and the Elks hit one of two free throws. Grayling missed a shot and the ball went out of bounds, giving Elk Rapids possession with two seconds left. The Elks got the ball in bounds and the game ended. Elk Rapids won 50-45.



Ann Hamlin, left, and Laura Boylan, right, shoot for Grayling during last Monday's district tournament game vs. Elk Rapids.



Shalee Miller, left, Sam Schreiber, center, and Ashley Feldhauser, right, handle the ball for the Vikings on Monday.



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 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Daniel J. McIsaac, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date

of publication of this notice. Date 2-26-09
 Attorney David R. Sabin P19822 115 E. Michigan Avenue Grayling, MI 49738 (989) 348-5588
 Personal representative Daniel J. McIsaac 1442 Yoder Road Manistee, MI 49660
UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS Held on the 23rd Day of February 2009
 Public Hearing was held to receive public comment on the Adoption of the new Zoning Ordinance from 7:00 PM – 7:02 PM

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with a quorum present.
 Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.
 The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were on the City's cost for legal expenses in Grayling Charter Township v. City of Grayling of \$10,105, FEMA grant request, old City vehicles, Police Department new staffing, City Manager serving on Michigan Association of Planning and the County recycling bins downtown.
 Approval to adopt the January 22, 2009 draft Zoning Ordinance with amendments.
 Approval of the DDA Fund Account Deficit Reduction Plan.
 Review of Reports.
 Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.
 Michele A. Moshier City Clerk
 Agendas can be found on our Web site: www.cityofgrayling.org

by Scott J. LaFond, Jennifer Everland, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005 and recorded July 14, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 263, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$142,056.26) including interest at 5.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL H: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section and the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along said Section line, 305.05 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds East, 365.10 feet; thence North 67 degrees 17 minutes 43 seconds West, 328.56 feet to a point on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds West along said West 1/8 line, 492.79 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with the herein after described ingress and egress easement. Also, together with a 1/12th interest in that part described as Parcel B. Also subject to right-of-way for Shaw

Park Road. INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, lying East of and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section 3 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said West 1/8 line, 162.39 feet to an Intersection Point "A"; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said West 1/8 line, 330.40 feet to an intersection Point "B"; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, 11.12 feet; thence North 30 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West, 94.88 feet; thence North 75 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West, 108.89 feet; thence South 71 degrees 43 minutes 45 seconds West, 167.64 feet; thence North 37 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds West, 78.06 feet; thence North 83 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 183.68 feet; thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 56 seconds West, 178.43 feet; thence returning to said intersection Point "B" being 33 feet in width, lying 10 feet Northerly and 23 feet Southerly of and adjacent to the following described line: North 67 degrees 17 minutes 51 seconds West, 284.56 feet; thence North 76 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds West, 327.29 feet; thence North 76 degrees 54 minutes 23 seconds West, 311.54 feet; thence South 67 degrees 57 minutes 01 seconds West, 95.52 feet; thence returning to said intersection Point "C" being 33 feet in width lying on the East side of and adjacent to the following described line: North 01 degrees 05 minutes 19 seconds East, 242.55 feet to the Point of Ending. Subject to the right-of-way of Shaw Park Road. Parcel B: (Recreational Easement) That part

of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section 3; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along the West 1/8 line of said Section, 832.6 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, 375.65 feet to a point on an intermediate traverse line, said point being 20 feet South of the Southerly bank of the AuSable River; thence running along said intermediate traverse line the following courses: South 81 degrees 41 minutes 05 seconds West, 157.79 feet to a point which is 22 feet South said Southerly bank; thence North 79 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West, 107.18 feet to a point which is 4 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 17 seconds West, 267.67 feet to a point which is 12 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 81 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West, 184.67 feet to a point which is 31 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence leaving said intermediate traverse line; thence South 01 degrees 05 minutes 19 seconds West, 211.87 feet; thence South 76 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds East, 209.60 feet; thence North 86 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East, 189.75 feet; thence South 57 degrees 39 minutes 32 seconds East, 144.93 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds East, 194.23 feet to the point beginning. The lines of the above described parcel extend to the Centerthread of AuSable River. Subject to and together with the herein described ingress and egress easement. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 19, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4074 ASAP# 2997622 02/19/2009, 02/26/2009, 03/05/2009, 03/12/2009

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 9th, 2009, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
 Monica Ashton, Clerk
 MBOR/pak

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made

Crawford County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are now available on the county website: www.crawfordco.org eight days following the scheduled board meeting or may be obtained at the County Clerk's office for six (6) cents per page.

Sandra Moore
 County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Legal Action

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wirjes and Catherine Wirjes, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns., Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006, and recorded on November 29, 2006, in Liber 684, on page 348, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-seven thousand eight hundred sixteen and 97/100 dollars (\$87,816.97) including interest at 8.620% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 17, Fawn Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records, and all improvements thereon, including a 1987 Sterling manufactured home bearing serial number S5507.

Parcel No: 032-400-000-017-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: February 18, 2009

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee
Richard A. Green, Attorneys,
301.50 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 540-7665

-26-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara R Backer, an Unmarried Woman, By Brenda L Mackinnon, Attorney In Fact, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 2007, and recorded on March 7, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 595, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One And 22/100 Dollars

(\$63,121.22), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2, South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #246544F01

-26-5-12-19

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph Benedetti AKA Joseph W. Benedetti and Eva B. Benedetti, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2002, and recorded on November 13, 2002 in Liber 607 on Page 186, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two And 42/100 Dollars (\$82,442.42), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying West of the old Deward Railroad Right-of-way line, except the South 400 feet and except the North 520 feet thereof. Also: Beginning at a point 200 feet North of the Southwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, for a point of beginning; thence East 300 feet to the New York Central Railroad right-of-way; thence North 200 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 200 feet to the point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC F 248.593.1313
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #249668F01

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L Carmean and Donna A Carmean husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2006, and recorded on May 4, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 339, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six And 71/100 Dollars (\$58,646.71), including interest at 6.57% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 2, Hadleys Third Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 13, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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-5-12-19-26

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four And 69/100 Dollars (\$125,644.69), including interest at 7.32% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 21, Block 1, Oak Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 5, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #248538F01

-5-12-19-26

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Isenhauer, A Married Man and Galch Isenhauer, His Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 21, 2007, and recorded on August 29, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 316, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to MidFirst Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Nine And 67/100 Dollars (\$73,239.67), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in

such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 15, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 22, of original plat of the village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 02, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 12, 2009
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #251330F01

-12-19-26-2

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L McQueen, single man and Marti E Wesley, single woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2005, and recorded on September 16, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 488, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four And 29/100 Dollars (\$178,994.29), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 14: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35 and part of the West 1/2 of Section 36, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, and beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of New York Central Railroad distance South 88 degrees 24 minutes East along the South line of said Section 36, a dis-

tance of 1561.80 feet and North 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds West 3100.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence South 55 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West, 2130.04 feet; thence South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 442.92 feet to point of traverse along the Easterly shore of the AuSable River, said point later referred to as first mentioned point in said traverse, thence continuing South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 38 feet to said Easterly shore; thence Northwesterly along said shore line 210 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 54 feet to a point of traverse, said point located North 8 degrees 05 minutes West 135.55 feet and North 50 degrees 20 minutes West, 89.03 feet from first mentioned point in said traverse; thence continuing North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 439.17 feet; thence North 57 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds East, 2166.15 feet; thence South 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds East, 144.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress to be used in common with others, Westerly line of said easement described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 36 distant South 88 degrees 24 minutes East, 718.04 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 132.91 feet; thence North 18 degrees 30 minutes West, 237.72 feet; thence North 32 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 122.50 feet; thence North 61 degrees 33 minutes West, 487.93 feet; thence North 30 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 164.01 feet; thence North 11 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East, 277.29 feet; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes West, 89.81 feet; thence North 59 degrees 11 minutes West, 203.44 feet; thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds West, 439.78 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes West, 484.28 feet; thence North 28 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds West, 297.00 feet; thence North 5 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds West, 400.89 feet; thence North 18 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds West, 204.68 feet; thence North 34 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 354.66 feet; thence North 55 degrees 00 minutes West, 281.50 feet; thence North 55 degrees 48 minutes West, 252.73 feet; thence North 74 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West, 670.05 feet; thence North 49 degrees 53 minutes West, 173.16 feet; thence North 12 degrees 34 minutes West, 448.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West, 424.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds West, 201.69 feet; thence North 24 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East, 302.86 feet; thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds West, 133.67 feet to the Point of Ending.

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Dated: February 26, 2009
For more information, please call:
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-26-5-12-19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Property Owners and/or Residents of Maple Forest Township:

This is to notify you that Charles and Susan Straham of 7423 Sherman Rd., Frederic, MI, have filed a variance request with the Maple Forest Township Zoning Board of Appeals, to request a variance on the following described property:

A 10.3-acre parcel located at 7423 Sherman Rd., in section 28, T28N, R3W, of Maple Forest Township, Parcel ID# 20-020-028-013-040-00.

The request, if granted, would permit the applicant to use the property in the following manner:

Construct a third (3rd) accessory building on the property described above. The variance request cites the slope of the property as the reason for the requested variance. Article 3, Section 3.03, Paragraph 1 (2), limits parcels of this size to two (2) accessory buildings.

The variance will be considered at a Maple Forest Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Maple Forest Township Offices at 8996 N. Sherman Rd. at which time you may express your views on the matter. Written comments concerning the variance request may be filed with, Robert Green; Maple Forest Township Zoning Administrator, or the Maple Forest Township Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Gayle Desprez, at or before the meeting. Mail to Maple Forest Township, Zoning Board of Appeals, 2520 W. Marker Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, prior to March 31, 2009.

The Variance Request Application and the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance are available to public inspection at the Township Office during the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 PM, Monday and Wednesdays, and also online at www.mapleforest.org Please call (989) 348-5794 for further information.



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WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of March 6, 2009 at 7:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35 % and reduced speeds.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application, enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27:	County line to County line
County Road 612:	Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75
Sherman Road:	North County Line to Landfill
North Down RR:	Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps
Higgins Lake Dr:	I-75 to 127

FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, extension 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions. For more information see our Web site at www.crawford-crc.com.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Kenneth Riehl, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
James Burch, Commissioner

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 13, 1986 - These Crawford AuSable Day Care children thought it was fun to decorate canisters to help collect money for the new playground at the Grayling City Park. (From left to right) Lindsay Porter, Morgan McIntosh, Jasmine Waite, Brad Ritter, Eric Brackenbury, Keenan Hansen and Amy Hanson show off some of the decorated cans they will place in area businesses.

23 Years Ago March 13, 1986

Mr. Brigham, a third grade teacher, revised a favorite children's story, Hansel and Gretel, into a play and had some of his students perform for the reading group and some of the other classes. Sara Woodland was the mother, Nick Stencil was the father, Katie Smock was the witch, Danyell Galvani was the gingerbread child, Allison Hanson was the narrator, Jessica Roy was Gretel and Brian Duncley was Hansel.

The winners of the Grayling Rotary Poster contest all won \$10 each. The winners from the Grayling Middle School were Angie Thompson, Andrea Flowers

and Margarita Perez. The winners from Grayling High School were Lori Pfaff, Bonnie Hatfield and Stacey Gizinski.

The Committee to Oppose Catch and Release received unanimous support at a regional meeting of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs in Gaylord. Clubs from the northern half of lower Michigan were represented at the meeting. A resolution opposing catch and release will be brought before the executive board of the MUCC in March, asking for its support.

The City of Grayling is offering an amnesty program from March 1 to April 30 for all city income tax

evaders. A new law allows the city to exchange tax information with other government units, and the city is finding out some startling figures. As much as \$1.3 million in back taxes may be owed to the city from tax evaders.

46 Years Ago March 14, 1963

Seventeen year-old Chris Kroll, a Grayling High School senior, bagged a 400 pound mountain goat with a bow and arrow in Alberta, Canada, in the fall. It won him first place in the Pope and Young trophy race for archers and also won him a Boone and Crockett award. He is the youngest archer to ever win either trophy.

Bill Hall took part in the senior Alpine Races at Boyne Mountain over the weekend. In the novice division, he finished 5th in the elimination and came in 6th in the finals.

The Jay Stephens have moved into their new home on Roberts Road.

At a very successful registration for Little League, 110 boys ages 8-12 signed up for this summer's program.

The Grayling Vikings basketball team, after coming from behind to win the District No. 92 opener last Tuesday night and winning the semi-final on Thursday night in overtime, ran into a hot shooting bunch of Cardinals from Whittemore-Prescott in Saturday night's

final and lost 58-54.

69 Years Ago March 14, 1940

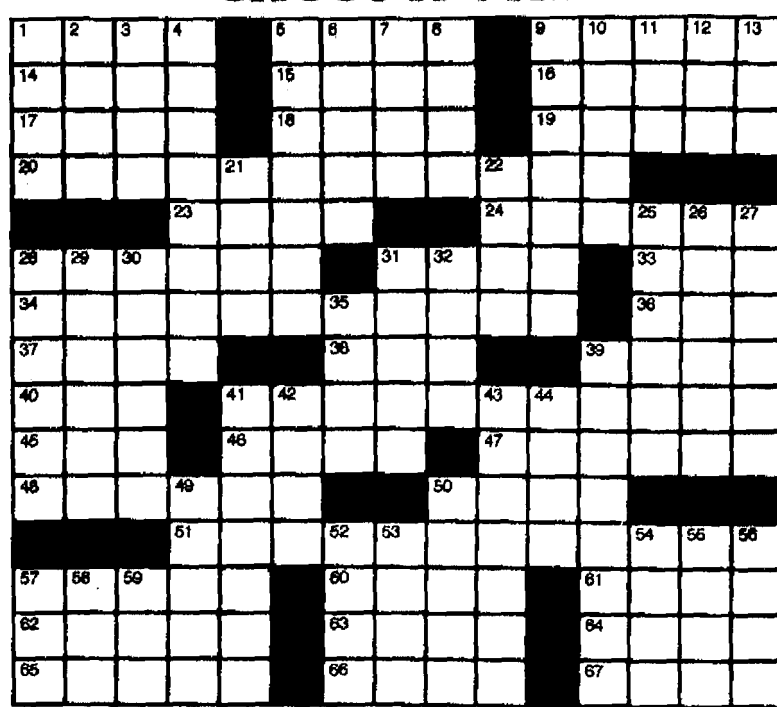
The Grayling Girl Scout Troop celebrated the 28th anniversary of the Girl Scout organization in this country by giving a fine program at the school auditorium, under the direction of their leaders Mrs. Herbert Trudeau and Miss Grace Poor and assisted by Miss Ingeborg Hanson at the piano.

John McEvers has taken over the Studebaker Agency for this district, and is now driving a brand new Studebaker demonstrator. He has had much experience in the car selling line, having worked for George Burke for some time selling Fords.

92 Years Ago March 15, 1917

Andrew Larson is closing out the stock of his Coffee and Tea store and will move to Johannesburg in about two weeks to take charge of the Johannesburg Manufacturing Company. Dr. and Mrs. J.J. Love gave a pleasant party to 16 of their friends. It was a poverty party and all of the guests looked poverty-stricken. In the best dressed contest, Mrs. Cameron as Topsy captured first prize and Jess Schoonover as a French Duke took second prize.

CROSSWORD



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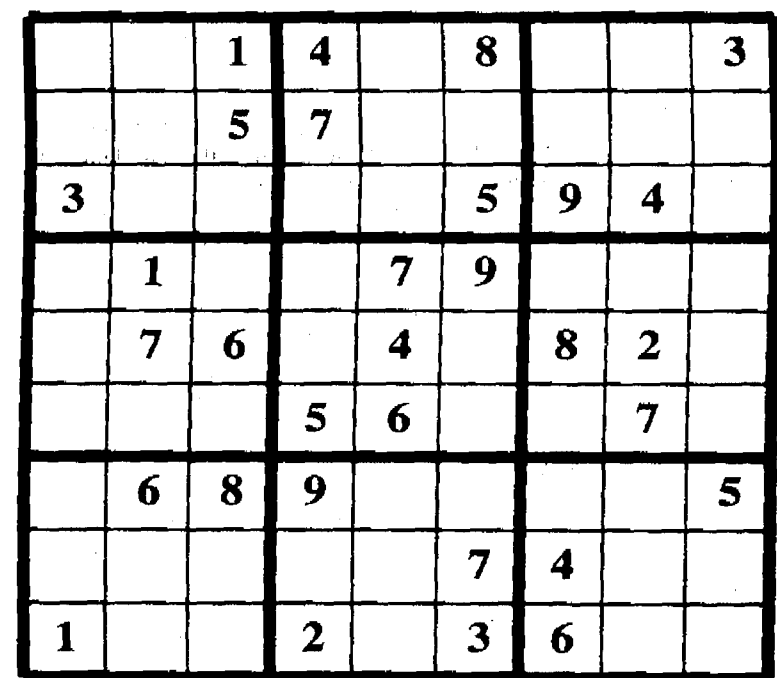
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23. Swedish shag rugs
24. Spanish dish
28. Joined by treaty or agreement
31. Attempt
33. Balloon filler
34. Marked by hidden aims or methods
36. What "it" plays
37. Supergarb
38. Be worthwhile
39. Big tippler
40. Person in a mask
41. Working
45. Ed.'s request
46. Bad habit, so to speak
47. Down's opposite
48. Favor
50. Born's partner
51. Fail badly
57. Andrea Doria's domain
60. French novelist Pierre
61. Hodgepodge
62. Bikini, e.g.
63. "Planet of the ____"
64. Aces, sometimes
65. So-called "royal herb"
66. Coordinate
67. Bucks

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5. Improvement
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7. Small amount
8. "Beetle Bailey" dog
9. Powerful businessman
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11. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
12. Blouse, e.g.
13. Chester White's home
21. Checked out
22. Abreast of
25. Barrio resident
26. Vines
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28. Charge
29. Andean animals
30. Medium-sized hairy moth
31. Gawk
32. "Hey!"
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41. Blanket
42. Cotton fabric
43. Sully
44. Decorated, as a cake
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53. Word before and after "against"
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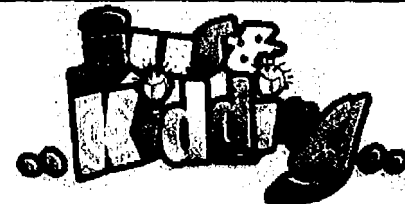
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 12, 2009

ARIES
December 22-January 19
A home improvement project turns sour, and you must seek the help of an old friend. Better luck next time, Capricorn. A riveting story moves you to act.

TAURUS
March 21-April 19
A family gathering starts off slowly but ends with a bang. Your faith is sorely tested, but as always, Aries, you persevere. Kind words make your day.

GEMINI
June 22-July 22
All's well that ends well this week. Cancer. Try not to let the little stuff get to you. Overlook the glitches and focus on the big picture. That's what counts.

CANCER
September 23-October 22
A sweet, romantic gesture does not go unnoticed, Libra, and you receive a nice surprise. The chain of events at work catches you off guard, but you recover nicely.

LEO
January 20-February 18
There is a hero in your midst, Aquarius. Applaud their efforts. Tiny savings here and there add up big later. Discovered at home melts into happiness on one statement.

VIRGO
April 20-May 20
Notes from a dear friend start the week off right. Great pains taken with a project bring big rewards. Throw yourself a party, Taurus, and celebrate.

LIBRA
July 23-August 22
Chores at home begin to pile up as you work on other projects. Don't let it go too long, Leo, or you may never catch up. An auto issue is rectified quickly.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Something is amiss at home, Scorpio. Leave the matter be for now. It may resolve on its own. If not, then you may need to do a bit of snooping.

SAGITTARIUS
February 19-March 20
A long, tortuous wait finally ends, Pisces, and you get your piece of the pie. News from home sparks a creative interest. Let the projects begin! A friend returns a favor.

CAPRICORN
May 21-June 21
Nothing is impossible this week, Gemini. Take whatever is put in front of you in stride, and you'll come out on top. Glimpses of spring inspire a major undertaking at home.

AQUARIUS
August 23-September 22
A support group is just what a friend needs. Suggest it to them, Virgo, and offer to come along. Last-minute shopping produces a great treasure.

PISCES
November 22-December 21
A breach of confidence leads to tension at work, and everyone suffers. Rise above it, Sagittarius, and find a way to get life back on track. A memo is key.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

Missing Pets

These two sweet lads would like to go home! The black male (neutered) and yellow female were picked up by animal control on March 4th on North Down River Road near Red Head. They are a little older but really nice. The male has a bit of white house paint on one hip. If you know where these two belong, please call the shelter. Our adoptable dogs can be seen on our handy, dandy web site, ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.auscc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

"CINNA-SPIN" COOKIES

Ingredients:

Cookies:	1 Tbsp ground cinnamon
1 pouch sugar cookie mix	
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon	
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened	
1 egg, slightly beaten	
Glaze:	1 cup powdered sugar
	2 Tbsp milk
	1/4 tsp. vanilla

Directions: Heat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, mix cookie mix and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Stir in butter and egg until soft dough forms. On a piece of waxed paper, shape 1 tablespoon cinnamon into a line about 5 inches long. Using floured fingers, shape 1 level tablespoon of dough into a rope 5 inches long and 1/2 inch in diameter. Press one side of dough rope into cinnamon. On ungreased cookie sheet, coil dough rope tightly, cinnamon side facing center, into cinnamon-roll shape. Press end of rope into roll to seal. Repeat with remaining dough. Place cookies 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until edges are light golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack. Cool completely, about 15 minutes. In small bowl, mix glaze ingredients until smooth. Drizzle over cookies.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week		Extended Forecast						
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Partly Cloudy Flurries Mostly Sunny Rain/Snow Showers Rain/Snow Showers Partly Cloudy

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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

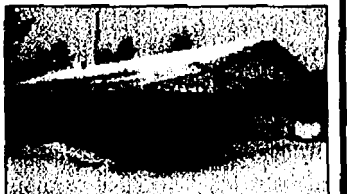
2. For Rent

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-12-19-26-2/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

1. Real Estate



This home is a 1970 Mobile with a 14 x 60 addition on it and it was done right. New windows throughout, full roof over structure on 12 inch centers. Wood stove, 3 bedrooms 1.5 bath, 2 car garage with 2 extra storage buildings and 4.1 acres. Very nice deck on rear 10 x 20, front porch sun room 10 x 20 office listing #6078 \$69,900

Call **Pete Kocenas**
 CENTURY 21
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
 989-344-1800
 Grayling

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-2/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabins from \$275 - \$375, with free utilities. 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (02/5/09tf/2)

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

FURNISHED EFFICIENT CABIN in a quiet country setting on the AuSable River. Included in rent, all utilities, trash removal, snow removal and dish network. This cabin is ideal for 1-2 adults, no pets. Call 348-8350. (3/12/09tf/2)

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.qualityhomerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS Hannah and Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-2/2)

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 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, \$650 per month plus security deposit and utilities. No pets. 989-348-8621. (-12-19/2)

VERY NICE 3 bedroom home, \$675 per month plus deposit and utilities. Located at 2173 Deer Trac Trail off M-72 East. Available after March 15th. Call Northwood Rentals at 989-344-8787. (-12/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

3. Employment

School Based Health Centers:
 School Health Services Team is expanding services and hours in Roscommon County. Year around, full time positions for:

- Certified Medical Assistant
- Certified mid-level provider (Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner)
- Master's Level Social Worker

All positions require Michigan licensure/certification and a strong interest in working with the adolescent population. These are year around positions in a team atmosphere and personally rewarding field. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with experience.

Submit resumes/ vitae to:
 School Link Coordinator
 MidMichigan Health Services
 9249 W. Lake City Road
 Houghton Lake, MI 48629

Opportunity Knocks



REGISTERED NURSES

Emergency Department - Full Time Nights, 12 hour shifts. Previous experience preferred

Maternal/Newborn - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

CCU - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

Med/Surg - New grads welcome, Full time nights, 12 hour shifts

OTHER AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Clinical Assistant - Full time positions available, completion of Medical Assistant Course, LPN or RN required.

Pharmacy Tech - Casual position, previous experience or certification preferred.

Operations Manager - Roscommon/Prudenville Clinics. Previous medical office management experience preferred.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the full list of open positions and detailed job descriptions on our web site.

We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits. Contact us at:

Organization and Talent
 Effectiveness Department
 Mercy Hospital Grayling
 1100 E. Michigan Ave
 Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: (989) 348-0358

Fax: (989) 348-0485

E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org



MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

3. Employment

SERVICE TECHNICIAN NEEDED State certified, own tools and two years experience a must. Drop off resume to Scott McNamara Ford, Grayling, in person by March 19. (-12/3)

LAST WEEK! \$1,600/month plus bonuses. Lots of over time, no strikes, no lay offs. Major distribution center now expanding in northern Michigan area. Vacation plans and rapid advancement available. Must be able to start immediately, \$1,000 sign on bonus. Call now 989-732-8439. (-12/3)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for a management position in our Gaylord office. This person must be someone very knowledgeable in the home health field. We are offering very competitive pay depending on your experience. We offer health benefits and vacation pay for full time staff. We also offer an excellent friendly work environment. Please fax your resume to attention: Help Wanted Gaylord, 989-345-7050. Compassionate Care Home Health Services Inc. performs background checks on all possible employees. (-5-12-19/3)

ATTENTION ADULTS AND STUDENTS:

Wimpy's is now hiring for the season. We are looking for reliable, friendly, and trustworthy employees who will be able to work anytime between 11a.m. and 10 p.m. We will be hiring adults 18 and older as well as students.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at Wimpy's the week of March 23rd thru the 27th between 3-6 p.m. Wimpy's plans to open on the 17th of April, we cannot wait to see all your smiling faces.

WIMPY'S Ice Cream & Cones

6415 M-72 West
 • Grayling, MI
 989-344-1918

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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GET AWAY UP NORTH
 Family room with stone fireplace, 2 bedrooms, possible 3rd. Partial basement & concrete driveway. CH-2806 \$21,900

IDEAL LOCATION FOR OFFICE
 Exceptional value for a clean family home. 1,490 s.f. home offering 3-4 bedrooms. Partial basement and 2 x 22 enclosed sunroom. Seller prefers to occupy / rent home until 07/13/2009. CH-2804 \$40,000

156' AUSSABLE MAINSTREAM BELOW WAZ-LEY BRIDGE
 Adjoins state land on north side. Classic fly fishing retreat. This setting is truly one-of-a-kind. Only 20' off river's edge. Swift gravel bottom river, beautiful mature pine & hardwoods make this a unique getaway. Knotty pine interior, fieldstone fireplace, garage and storage shed. Most furniture and contents are included. Additional adjacent river property available. Sized and priced. CH-2772 \$179,000

LAKE MARGRETHE
 RUSTIC LOG HOME NEAR LAKE MARGRETHE! Charming cottage offers 1,320 square feet with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Cathedral ceilings. Bath has Jacuzzi tub, log and knotty pine interior, hardwood floors in living room. Finished basement with beautiful stone fireplace. Enc. porch. Move in condition. CH-2773 \$84,900

HIGH TRAFFIC EXPOSURE
 Let real estate work for you! Great business potential with this 10 unit motel and living quarters. A good investment for the right person with the right ideas. CS-2763 \$62,500

Office Hours Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun By Appointment Only

3. Employment

CABLE TV TECHNICIAN WANTED Full time position. Knowledgeable in installs to line maintenance and repair. Send resume with references to: Cable TV, P.O. Box 100, Montague, MI 49437. (-5-12/3)

4. Services Offered

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-12-26/4)

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL Off roofs, snowplowing and entranceways cleared. Oak firewood. 30 years experience. Call Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-12/4)

4. Services Offered

WITH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

FIREWOOD MARCH MADNESS SPECIAL \$45 per cord, cut, split and delivered. 989-657-1706. (-12-19-26/4)

4. Services Offered

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/4)

BECKY'S TAX PREP and e-file service. Ready to assist you with your tax filing needs. Reasonable rates. New client discount. Call 989-348-5348. (LR4/9/09)

FOR THE BEST SERVICE on appliances, heating, cooling and refrigeration, call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling, 989-348-4252. (2/19/09tf/4)

4. Services Offered

INCOME TAX SERVICE Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/095)

UP TO \$2,000 OFF An EClassic 2300 outdoor wood furnace and ThermoPex for a limited time. Eliminate high heating bills using renewable energy. Call 348-7484 today. (-5-12-19-26/5)

5. For Sale

HARD MAPLE \$55 per cord and up delivered. Please call 989-390-2155 anytime. (-26-5-12/5)

JOHNSON'S RANGE 989-348-4614, open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Last of The Ammo Sale. New ammo: 9 mm FMJ, \$15 per box; 38 Spl. FMJ, \$17 per box; 38 Spl. RNL, \$16 per box; 45 Colt FMJ, \$20 per box; 40 S&W FMJ, \$20 per box. Bushmaster AR-15 223 14", 16" and 21" barrel, \$1,500 each; Henry lever action 357 gold, rec, \$640; 25-06 heavy barrel bolt action, \$640; Bersa 380 auto, 15 rds., ss & blue, \$375; small 380 auto, 6 rds., blue & ss, \$140; Paro-ordinance 15 rds., 40 S&W, blue, \$600; 1911 45 ACP, blue, \$400; Taurus 1911, 45 ACP, blue lite rail, \$675; Taurus 1911, 45 ACP, blue & gold, \$700; Mossberg 930 autoloader, 18.5 barrel, 12 ga., 7 & 1, \$550. (-5-12/5)

SPRING TREE SALE Confirs, hardwoods and wildlife shrubs. Seedlings, transplants and plugs. Pre-orders due April 1st. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, Roscommon County Building, 500 Lake Street, Roscommon. 989-275-3163. (-12-19-26/5)

6. Wanted

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

MOVING AUCTION March 14, 10 a.m. Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Furniture; glass; kitchen; household; collectibles; garage; sportsman; Winchester 30-30; coins & more! View Online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 989-848-5151. www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-12/8)

SWISS STEAK DINNER Michelson Methodist Church, Thurs., March 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Adults \$8. Takeouts available. (-12-19/8)

ATTENTION CLASSMATES OF 1989 Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janetpetrosky@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

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THE BRICKERY 107 Ottawa, is offering a rug hooking class on Sunday, March 29th. Class starts at 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 989-348-8999. (-5-12/8)

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10. Garage Sale

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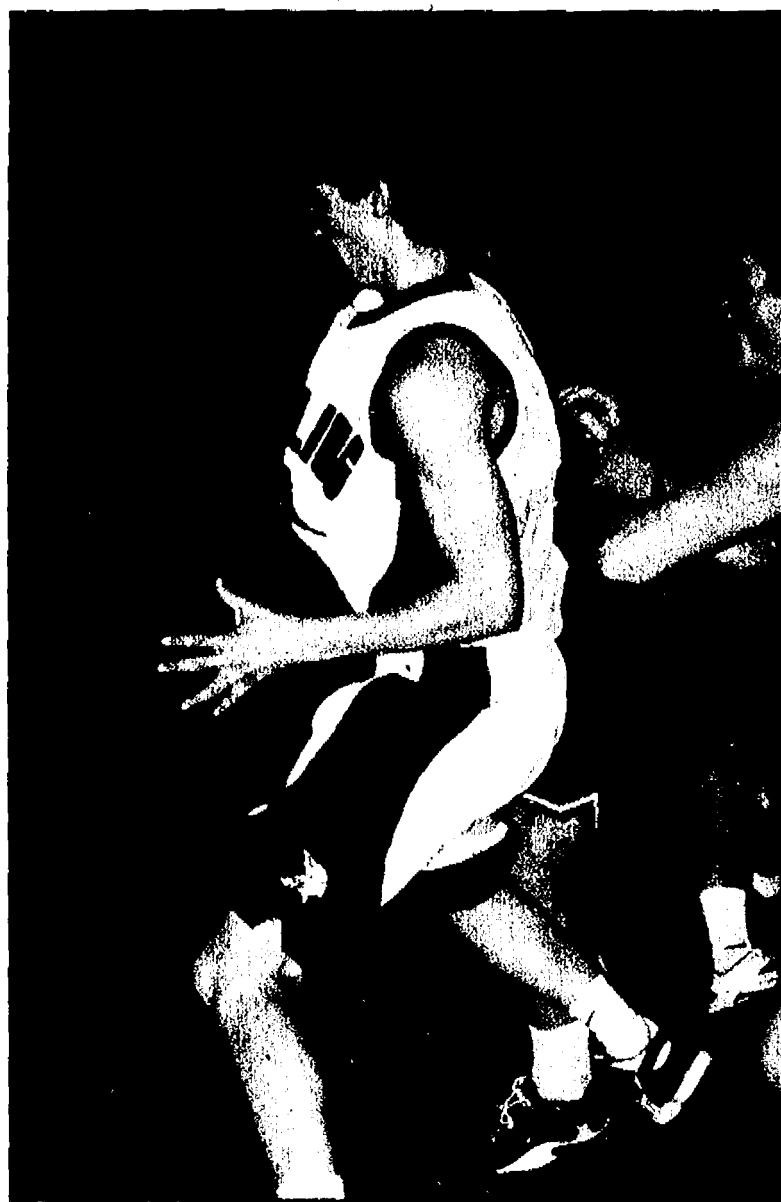
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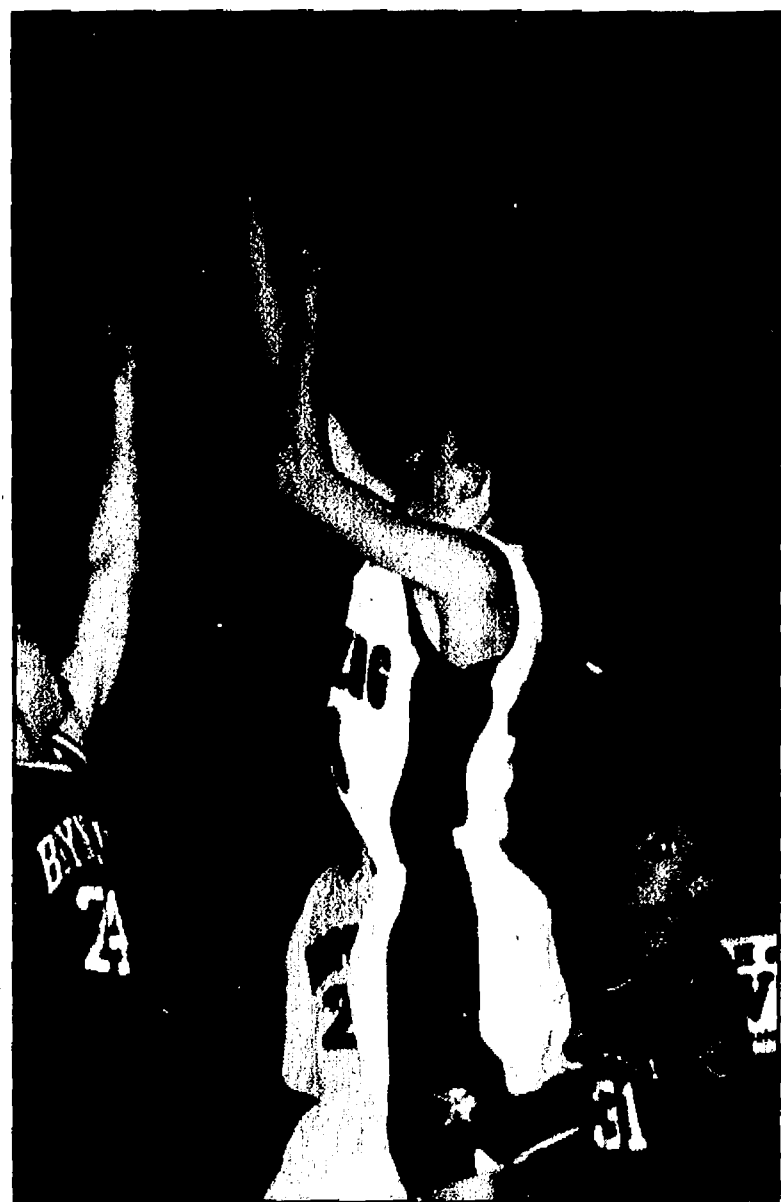
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Tyler Steffey, left, handles the ball for Grayling during last week's league game against the Boyne City Ramblers. Colin Hamlin, right, shoots for Grayling on Tuesday night.



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Varsity squad wins 71-55 in regular season finale

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inside shot by Hamlin, a free throw by Steven Enos, two free throws by Trent Larm, two free throws by Enos, two free throws by Spencer Dean, and a drive by Jacob Aubry.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Hamlin, 23 points, 8 assists, 7 steals; Enos, 13 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; Steffey, 10 points, 4 blocks; Larm, 8 points, 5 steals; Doug Gothro, 8 points, 4 rebounds.

On Friday, Feb. 27, the Vikings lost by five, 42-37, at Traverse City St. Francis. The Gladiators were 17-1 overall going into the contest.

"We played a very solid game defensively vs. (Traverse City St. Francis). We limited them to a number of one-shot opportunities and did a great job on the glass rebounding. We also did a very nice job of controlling the tempo in our favor and had a shot to knock off the #3 team in the state of Michigan," Coach Rich Moffit said. "On the negative side, we missed some easy scoring opportunities in the last quarter and shot just 2 of 7 from the free-throw line in the last stanza."

Grayling's scoring leaders vs. TCSF were: Alex Gabriel, 9 points, 6

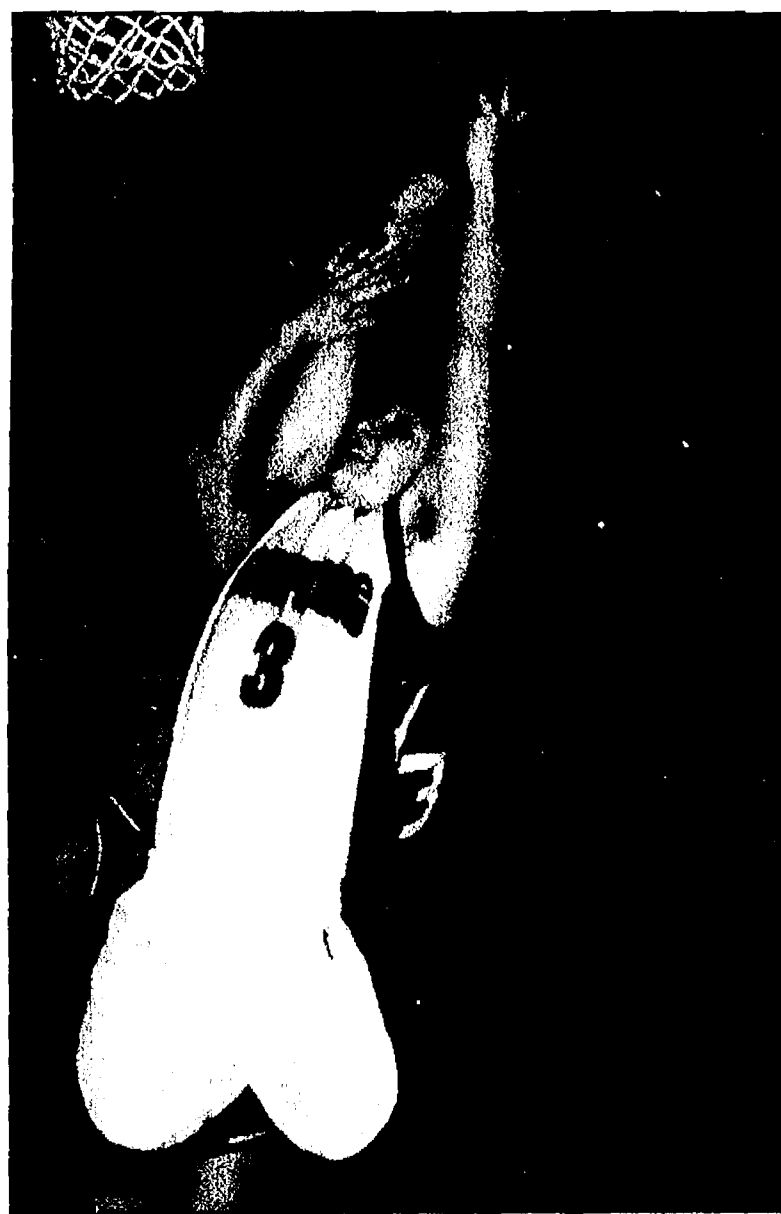
rebounds; Hamlin, 8 points; Enos, 7 points, 5 rebounds; Ferrigan, 5 points; Steffey, 4 points, 4 rebounds; Dean, 4 points, 5 rebounds.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the Vikings lost 69-53 at Kalkaska.

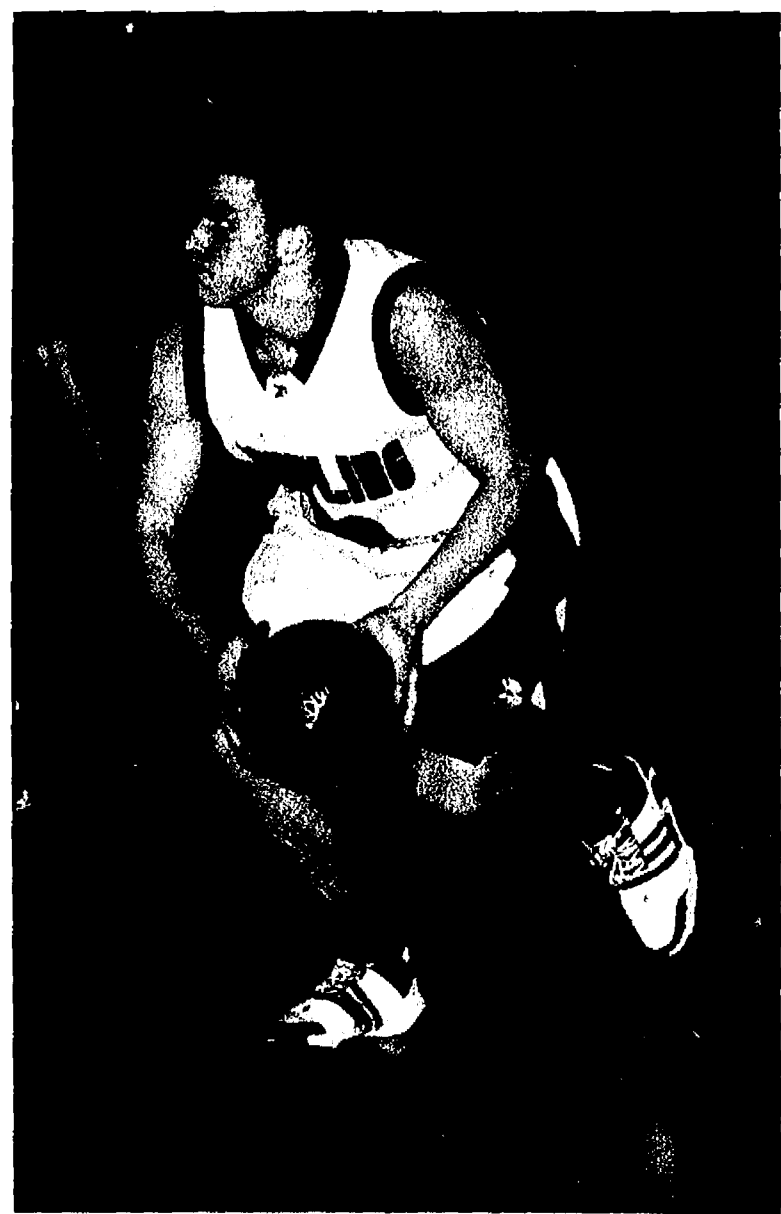
Hamlin had 19 points for Grayling. Gabriel had nine points.

The Vikings finished their 2008-2009 regular season with an overall record of 9-11 (6-8 league).

Grayling plays at Cheboygan this week in the District 63-B semifinals. The winner will host the district championship game at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13.



Alex Gabriel, left, battles for a rebound during last Tuesday's game against Boyne City. Trent Larm, right, handles the ball for the Vikings.



Bowling Leagues

Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco... 52 - 25
 Last Call... 45 - 32
 Legion... 41.5 - 35.5
 Canadian Steak... 39 - 38
 McDonald's... 38 - 39
 L & L Hauling... 37.5 - 39.5
 Double Trouble... 33 - 44
 Miller Spillers... 22 - 55
 High Series Women: S. Johnson, 489; P. Younglove, 480; J. Williamson, 478.
 High Game Women: M. Jankowski, 197; J. Williamson, 192; R. Wall, 183.
 High Series Men: D. Williamson, 581; G. Mastroeni, 570; P. Benardo, 564.
 High Game Men: P. Benardo, 243; G. Mastroeni, 236; D. Williamson, 205.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Bill's Harem... 20.5 - 11.5
 Misfits... 20 - 12
 Three Amigos... 19.5 - 12.5
 Rosebuds... 17 - 15
 Pin Slayers... 16.5 - 15.5
 Snow Tops... 13.5 - 18.5
 Ladybugs... 12 - 20
 Casino Bums... 9 - 23

High Series Women: H. Stairs, 514; N. Glasslee, 441; P. Kennedy, 440.
 High Game Women: H. Stairs, 206; M. Brosky, 163.
 High Series Men: P. Faustman, 563; B. Holton, 562; B. Hollis, 558.
 High Game Men: B. Holton, 226; B. Hollis, 204; P. Faustman, 201.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Team Shock... 57 - 13
 Salon Rue... 46 - 24
 Spikes #2... 45 - 25
 Hard Balls... 38 - 32
 Spikes #1... 31 - 39
 Growlers... 25 - 45
 GrayRock Cafe... 20 - 50
 AID... 18 - 52
 High Series Men: J. Thayer, 563; C. Moshier, 549; M. Forbes, 538.
 High Game Men: T. Sheldon, 236; C. Moshier, 227; D. Campbell, 220.
 High Series Women: S. Mead, 482; A. Ray, 428; N. Glasslee, 423.
 High Game Women: A. Ray, 193; S. Mead, 175; L. Mead, 169.

Senior League

Dana Transport... 26 - 14
 Gaylord Electric... 26 - 14
 Spikes... 25 - 15
 Bear's Den Pizza... 22 - 18
 Flowers By Josie... 21 - 19
 Kicking Grass... 17 - 23
 Sylvester's Sports... 13 - 27
 Lone Pine... 10 - 30
 High Series Women: C. Clark, 515; M. Rysso, 496; H. Stairs, 490.
 High Game Women: H. Stairs and N. Glasslee, 183; C. Clark, 178.
 High Series Men: K. Harris, 554; P. Faustman, 542; K. Louchart, 509.
 High Game Men: K. Louchart, 226; K. Harris, 221; P. Faustman, 218.

Recreation League

GMH-NCC... 21 - 15
 TNT Charter... 21 - 15
 Robin Smith CPA... 20 - 16
 Woody Girls... 19 - 17
 Days Inn... 19 - 17
 Legion... 17.5 - 18.5
 Glen's Market... 16 - 20
 Nursing Center... 10.5 - 25.5
 High Series: P. D'Amour, 578; D. Mead, 576; T.

Hellebuyck, 498.
 High Game: L. Hanson, 210; P. D'Amour, 209; D. Mead, 202.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest... 31 - 9
 Eagles Nest... 24 - 16
 Legion... 23.5 - 16.5
 Ole Dam... 22.5 - 17.5
 T.C. Lawncare... 18 - 22
 5 B's... 16 - 24
 Ball Busters... 16 - 24
 Tim's Collision... 9 - 31
 High Series: J. Coors, 521; B. LaMotte, 509; T. Hellebuyck, 489.
 High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 195; J. Coors, 190; K. Harris, 185.

National First

GADCO... 34 - 15
 Hagerman Const... 29 - 20
 Continental Rental... 26 - 23
 Pittman Bld... 26 - 23
 Primary Electric... 17 - 32
 High Series: P. Benardo, Sr., 588; J. Lozon, 579; D. Henning, 559.
 High Game: J. Lozon, 241; J. Arwood and P. Benardo, Sr., 223.